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Israel declares war against Hamas

In Mideast, race to stem wide conflict

BY MICHAEL BIRNBAUM, JOHN HUDSON AND ELLEN NAKASHIMA

The Biden administration on Sunday scrambled to prevent Hamas's assault on Israel from escalating into a multi-front, regional conflict, deploying a U.S. aircraft carrier group to the eastern Mediterranean and rushing arms to the Israeli military in a bid to deter the Lebanon-based Hezbollah and other actors from attacking.

The effort came amid close consultations between President Biden and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, whose government formally declared war on Hamas on Sunday. U.S. officials expect Israel to unleash a broad-based ground assault against the militant group within the next 24 to 48 hours, following the sophisticated Hamas attack on Saturday that killed more than 700 Israelis. Israeli reprisals have killed more than 400 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

American citizens are probably among the hostages that Hamas is holding inside Gaza, Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Sunday. At least several Americans were killed in the attack, a senior administration official confirmed.

The toll ups the stakes for the Biden administration as it engages in a complicated multinational

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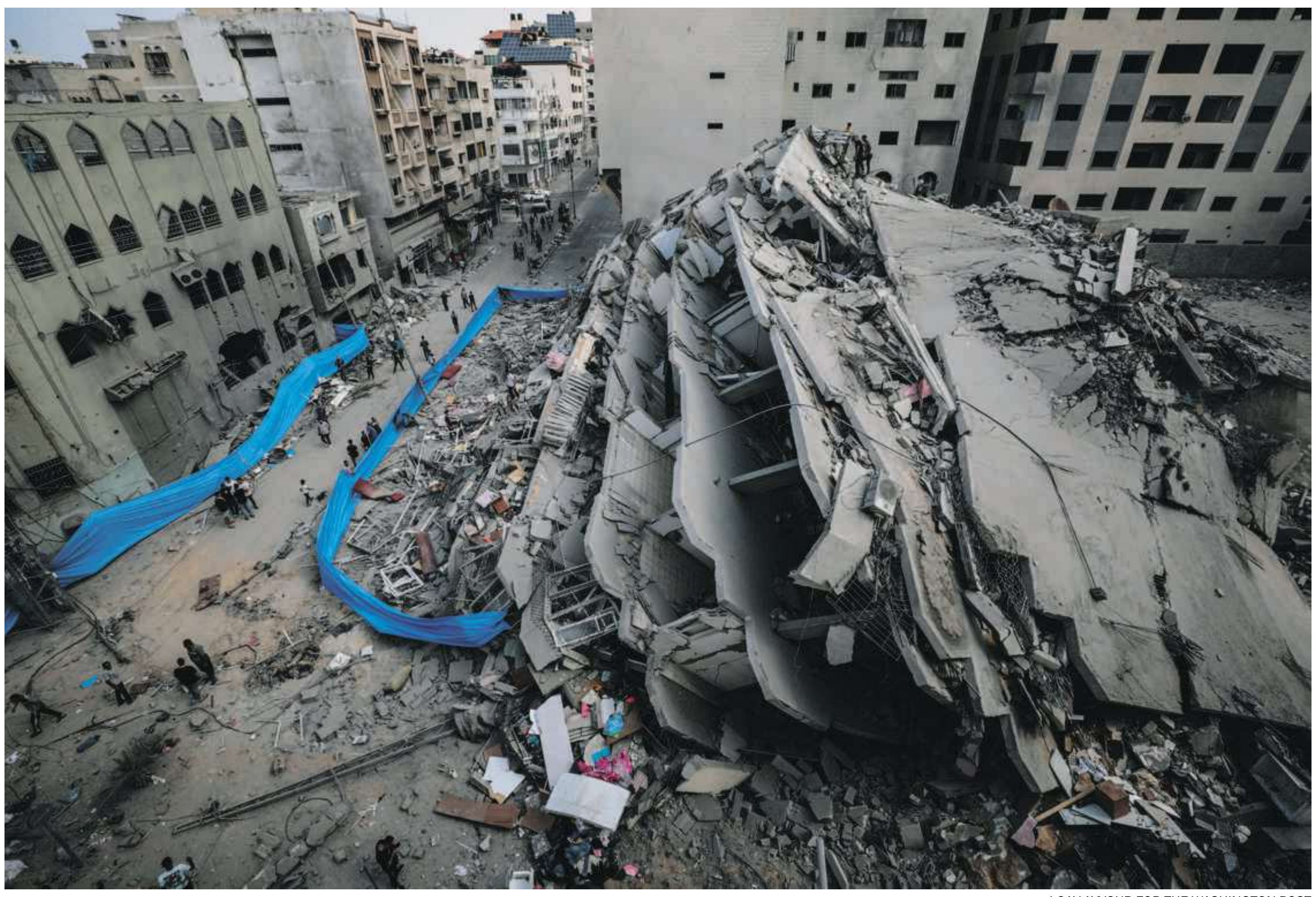

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A building destroyed in an Israeli airstrike, with smoke continuing to rise, in Burj Al-Aklouk in Gaza on Sunday.

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Israelis run to take cover in a shelter as a siren sounds a warning of incoming rockets, in Ashkelon, Israel.

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A Palestinian family flees a day after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told Gaza residents to "leave now."

COMBINED DEATH TOLL IS OVER 1,000

Ground incursion expected soon in Gaza

BY SUSANNAH GEORGE, SARAH DADOUCH, CLAIRE PARKER AND SHIRA RUBIN

SDEROT, ISRAEL — Israel formally declared war against the Palestinian militant group Hamas on Sunday as it reeled from a surprise attack that killed more than 700 people, opening the way for a major escalation in fighting that already threatened to engulf the region. A swelling counterattack by Israeli forces in Gaza also killed more than 400 people, including 78 children, as residents braced for a more punishing campaign that some feared would include an Israeli ground invasion.

The vote for war by Israel's cabinet could signal a wider operation — it allows the government to expand military mobilization and deploy a more lethal range of military options. U.S. officials said Sunday that they expected Israel to launch a ground incursion into Gaza in the next 24 to 48 hours, according to people familiar with the matter.

Israel also requested heightened cooperation with the United States on intelligence-sharing related to southern Lebanon, according to the people, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive military matters. Earlier Sunday, Israeli forces and Lebanese militants traded fire across the border, with the powerful armed group Hezbollah claiming responsibility for the artillery and missile attacks.

"Our hearts are with you. Our minds are with you. Our souls are with you. Our history and guns and our rockets are with you," top Hezbollah official Hashem Safieddine said at a rally in Beirut on Sunday, referring to Hamas.

Hezbollah's entrance injected a combustible new element into

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Festivalgoers recount how revelry turned to massacre

BY LOVEDAY MORRIS, IMOGEN PIPER, JOYCE SOHYUN LEE AND SUSANNAH GEORGE

The first rockets were fired just before dawn, arcing through the sky over thousands of revelers who had been dancing through the night at a trance music festival — billed as an event celebrating "friends, love and infinite freedom."

Initially, some of the ravers didn't notice the sound of the explosions over the thumping music. Others, used to rockets from Gaza, shrugged them off.

"We heard sirens and rockets, tons of rockets," said Millet Ben Haim, 27, who attended the festival with a group of friends, posing with one of them just minutes before the attack and sticking her tongue out for the camera.

Then the music stopped.

A voice boomed from the loudspeakers over the tented stages and the chill-out area that organizers described as a "playground for adults."

"Guys, we have red alert," the voice warned. "Red alert."

Videos verified by The Washington Post show people leaving hurriedly, a few jogging, many glancing back to look at the white rocket flashes in the lightening sky. They appear confused but not panicked.

A person dressed in black with a yellow safety vest was directing crowds away from the stages.

Then the gunfire started.

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A sense of solidarity among American Jews — for now

BY MICHELLE BOORSTEIN AND ANNIE GOWEN

Just a few weeks ago, before a huge Rosh Hashanah audience, Rabbi Rachel Timoner thundered from the pulpit of her large Brooklyn synagogue against the government in Israel.

The Jewish state's current leaders, she said, were welcoming violent racists and trying to dismantle democracy and pluralism. American Jewry's liberal majority, she said, must fight back. "Two coalitions. Two versions of Judaism. Two visions for the Jewish people, in direct conflict," she said, prompting applause and eventually a standing ovation — both rare sights in synagogue.

This weekend, Timoner was laser-focused on prayer and support for Israel and its government, which experienced some of the deadliest and most terrifying days in the country's history during continued attacks and hostage-taking by the group Hamas. She feels consumed with grief and terror for Israelis, and she wants to show them they're not alone.

"I've given five sermons just this year very harshly critical of the Israeli government, and my whole career I've spoken about the [Israeli] occupation. But this is not that time," Timoner told the The Washington Post on Sunday. "This is not a 'both sides' time."

The Hamas ambushes, which have left some 700 dead in Israel,

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A brigade of objectors

Most of the school book challenges in 2021-2022 came from just 11 people, including a Va. mom

BY HANNAH NATANSON

Jennifer Petersen keeps 73 school books she detests in her basement.

She ordered most from Amazon. In the last year, she read each one. She highlighted and typed up excerpts from more than 1,300 pages — of the 24,000-plus pages she read — that she says depict sexual acts. Then she filed challenges against 71 of the books with Spotsylvania County Public Schools, the Virginia district where one of her children is a student and the other is a recent graduate. (Two books were removed before she could challenge them.)

Across 434 pages of challenges — longer than many of the books she objected to — Petersen offered variations on a theme.

"This book reads like a how to guide for raping teens," she wrote of one.

"The book normalizes teen sex and . . . glorifies and incites teens to have sex," she wrote of another.

"What is the fascination," she asked of a third, "with so many of

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Jennifer Petersen has challenged dozens of books at Spotsylvania County Public Schools in Virginia that she says depict sexual acts.

Democrats press Biden over border crossings

BY TOLUSE OLORUNNIPA

Democratic Mayor Eric Adams of New York City traveled to Mexico in a high-profile move to discourage illegal immigration. Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker of Illinois has written President Biden a sharply worded letter demanding more help. The San Diego County Board of Supervisors, a nonpartisan group led by a Democrat, unanimously declared the lack of federal resources for asylum seekers a "humanitarian crisis."

Four months after White House officials spoke in victorious tones about an unexpected plunge in illegal migration, Biden is once again under growing pressure to address a surge in border crossings that shows no sign of slowing down. And the most notable criticism is coming from his own party.

That could pose a significant political threat as Biden faces a potential rematch against former president Donald Trump, who rode the immigration issue to the White House in 2016 with promises of a border wall, a ban on Muslim travelers and other harsh measures.

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Trump's defense fights to slow pace of trials

BY PERRY STEIN AND DEVLIN BARRETT

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Former president Donald Trump and his aide Waltine "Walt" Nauta, right, at Reagan National Airport in August. The two face federal charges related to the alleged mishandling of classified documents.

Welcome back to The Trump Trials, our weekly effort to keep readers up to date on the many criminal — and civil — cases the 45th president is fighting in federal and state courts.

Let's get started:

What's ahead

Federal prosecutors and Donald Trump's attorneys were supposed to have until Monday to finish filing their pretrial motions in the D.C. federal election obstruction case — a key deadline in the proceedings.

These motions often launch the consequential fights that will decide the parameters of an upcoming trial, a little like drawing boundaries on a playing field.

But Friday — just days before the deadline — the judge granted Trump's request for an extension, giving both sides until Oct. 23 to file their motions.

Trump's team already filed a big pretrial motion last week, arguing the judge should dismiss the D.C. indictment because the allegations against him occurred as he was acting within the legal boundaries of his presidency. A key issue is whether the judge's decision will be appealed to higher courts, and if so, how much time that might consume before the trial begins.

More motions are expected. Trump's attorneys said in the dismissal request that "fatal deficiencies in the indictment will be addressed in future motion(s) and proceeding(s)."

Judge Aileen M. Cannon has a hearing in Fort Pierce, Fla., on Thursday in Trump's classified-documents case to determine if the lawyers representing the former president's two co-defendants have any conflicts of interest.

Highlights of last week

D.C.: Federal case on 2020 election

The details: Trump faces four federal charges for alleged efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 election.

Planned trial date: March 4

What happened: In addition to filing their motion to dismiss, Trump's lawyers renewed their efforts to delay the trial timeline. That's been a common theme in these cases, which Trump — the GOP presidential front-runner — would like to postpone until after the November 2024 election.

Trump's team said in a filing that prosecutors working for special counsel Jack Smith are simply not giving them enough time to write motions and prepare Trump's defense. His lawyers said that prosecutors are pushing a fast timeline and denying Trump his "constitutional right to present a defense."

Ultimately, judges decide the timing of trials. Prosecutors have said that Trump's team has ample time and accused his lawyers of deploying delaying tactics.

Georgia: State case on 2020 election

The details: Trump faces 13 state counts, with prosecutors alleging that he tried to undo the election results in that state.

Planned trial date: None yet, though two of Trump's 18 co-defendants are scheduled for trial Oct. 23.

What happened: No major developments in Trump's case, but one of his co-defendants made news.

Fulton County Superior Court Judge Scott McAfee rejected former Trump attorney Sidney Powell's attempt to get the case against her dismissed. Our colleague Holly Bailey reported that Powell had claimed prosecutors withheld evidence that would have exonerated her — a claim one prosecutor called "absurd."

McAfee said he had no authority to dismiss charges at this stage, and a jury should decide Powell's guilt or innocence.

For fans of British comedy, from our colleague Amy Gardner: McAfee appeared to make a Monty Python reference when he rejected co-defendant Kenneth Chesebro's request to dismiss his indictment because one of the special prosecutors apparently did not properly document that he'd been sworn in to work on the case, as required under Georgia law.

"As if this parrot of a motion is somehow not yet dead," McAfee wrote, alluding to the famous Monty Python dead parrot sketch.

Florida: Federal classified-documents case

The details: Trump faces 40 federal counts over accusations that he kept top-secret government documents at Mar-a-Lago — his home and private club — and then thwarted government demands that he return them.

Planned trial date: May 20

What happened: Trump's team once again asked Judge Cannon to push the trial back until after the presidential election, citing the difficulties of accessing all of the classified evidence.

Some of the documents are considered so sensitive, the government is still searching for a safe place to store them in Florida.

In a filing, Trump's attorneys said it was not feasible for them to meet a current Oct. 10 deadline to file motions related to the classified evidence.

They cited a number of technical reasons as to why they can't make the deadline, including that a top Trump lawyer, Chris Kise, still does not have the necessary security clearance to review all the classified evidence. Kise also has been very busy representing Trump in a New York civil trial that began last week.

New York: State business fraud case

The details: Trump faces 34 state counts in connection with hush money paid to adult-film actress Stormy Daniels during the 2016 campaign.

Planned trial date: March 25

What happened: Trump's team asked New York Supreme Court Justice Juan Merchan to dismiss the case, arguing in a filing that the prosecution reflects an unjust effort that relies on novel legal theories and a problematic witness — Trump's former lawyer Michael Cohen.

New York fraud case: Separately, the civil trial to determine whether Trump and his company misrepresented business deals by drastically inflating the value of his real estate properties began last week. Our colleagues Shayna Jacobs, Jonathan O'Connell and Mark Berman have been reporting on the lawsuit.

Trump was not required to attend, but he showed up on several days, denouncing the process as unfair in speeches outside the courtroom.

Judge Arthur Engoron, who is overseeing the trial, issued a gag order against the former president after Trump posted a photo of a member of the court staff on social media, along with a disparaging message. The gag order prohibits Trump and other parties in the case from making public comments about the court staff. The photo of the employee appears to have been deleted, on Engoron's orders.

Nerd word of the week

Your nerd word of the week is . . . discovery.

In every trial, prosecutors must give defense attorneys the evidence they have collected so they can build a defense for their clients. This is known as the discovery process. It can consist of millions of pages and, in Trump's document case, the equivalent of years of security footage.

All four of Trump's criminal trials are in the discovery phase — a process that plays out behind closed doors.

Question time

Why does the Trump defense team need to review the classified documents at all? Isn't it enough just to say they were clearly marked classified?

Two reasons.

First, to win a conviction, prosecutors must show that the documents contain information "relating to the national defense," meaning the information is closely held by a relatively small number of people in government and not available to the general public. The defense may try to argue that the information is not particularly sensitive; to mount such a defense, it needs access to the documents.

Second, prosecutors must prove the defendant acted willfully, meaning with the specific intent to do something illegal. The type of information in the documents is relevant to deciding willfulness.

Prosecutors may claim the documents were so sensitive, the defendant had to know he was acting unlawfully.

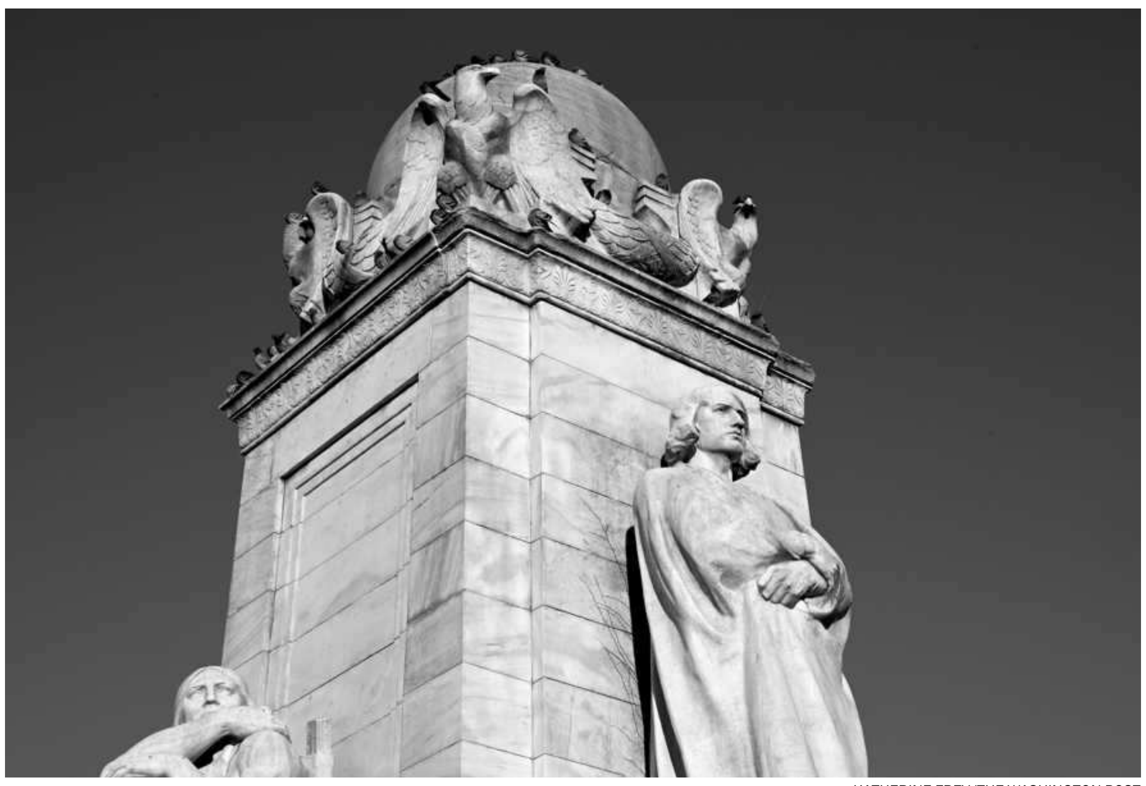
And defense lawyers may try to convince the jury the information was so harmless it shows there was no willful lawbreaking.

RETROPOLIS

As views of Columbus change, debate grows on the value of his letters

Document from 1493 is first original copy since 1966 to be auctioned

BY KYLE MELNICK



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The Columbus Fountain outside Union Station in Northeast Washington was sculpted by Lorado Taft and features the Italian explorer, a globe and other figures representing the Old and New worlds.

Margaret Ford never expected to get ahold of one of the original copies of a letter Christopher Columbus wrote in 1493, announcing his impressions of a group of islands he claimed to have "discovered." But when a private library in Switzerland offered her auction house an original Latin copy of the letter this year, Ford was ecstatic.

Columbus was the first European in centuries to claim he had found the American islands, which later came to be known as the Caribbean islands. The news forever altered history, launching communication and trade between Europe and the Americas.

Still, there was one question Ford's auction house, Christie's, had to address: How would it advertise the letter?

In recent years, Columbus and his men have been the subject of controversy because of their role in enslaving Indigenous groups. Some U.S. states now recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day instead of Columbus Day.

Christie's decided that the letter's allure was its historical significance, which Ford said will remain regardless of Columbus's reputation. The letter is anticipated to sell for up to $1.5 million at auction.

"It's kind of like when Neil Armstrong stepped off the ladder and started talking about the powder of the lunar surface and how his boots stuck down."

Steve Berry, "Columbus Affair" author, on the letter's descriptions

The sale has broached a conversation among historians of how Columbus's shifting public image affects the value of the physical items he left behind.

"This is an issue that happens with many, many old documents," Edward Lewine, the vice president of communications for Christie's, told The Washington Post. "And we are very careful about the way that we present them. . . . It's not simple."

In the letter Columbus addressed to Spanish monarchs King Ferdinand II and Queen Isabella in March 1493, Columbus wrote that he thought he had landed on islands near the Indian Ocean. He described the beauty of the area, which he wrote included singing birds, palm trees, large mountains and flowing rivers.

"It's kind of like when Neil Armstrong stepped off the ladder and started talking about the powder of the lunar surface and how his boots stuck down," said Steve Berry, who wrote the 2012 novel "The Columbus Affair." "He's giving you a description of everything he's seeing in this strange new world."

The letter also portrayed Columbus's misdeeds. He took Indigenous people, whom he called timid and fearful, by force and brought some back to Spain, he wrote.

Columbus wrote the letter in Spanish, and the government in Spain then sent the letter to Rome to spread word of the claims, Ford said. Officials there translated the letter into Latin and, through their printing press, distributed a few dozen copies to residents, creating what Ford said was one of the world's first "media frenzies."

The Columbian Exchange picked up momentum thereafter, as Europe sent people, money, plants and animals, along with diseases and weapons, to the Americas. Europeans explored more of the Americas in the coming years as they enslaved Indigenous people, leading to millions of deaths.

Ford said she learned about the letter around January from a friend in Switzerland, where a private library had kept an original Latin copy for nearly a century. The letter, which is the only documentation of Columbus's first travels to the Americas, was stored in a binding that was created in the 18th or 19th century, Ford said.

Ford said she compared the letter to another original copy owned by the British Library. Inspectors in New York also confirmed the letter was authentic, she said.

An original copy has not been auctioned since 1966, Ford said. An Atlanta man bought a different copy of the letter from a rare-book dealer for $875,000 in 2004.

But public opinions about Columbus have changed since then. At least 40 Columbus monuments have been removed since 2018, according to The Post's data. For the past two years, President Biden acknowledged Indigenous Peoples' Day in October.

Ford said the auction isn't about Columbus but about his voyage and "how that changed the course of history." Ford said later copies of the letter have sold for about $700,000, so she felt an original copy was worth more.

Other historians agree that the letter is too influential to be forgotten.

"Europeans were very arrogant and pedantic, thinking they were the smartest people on the planet," Berry said. "That's just the way it was; just the way it happened. It doesn't diminish his initial report and the value of this historical document — not in the least."

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POLITICS & THE NATION

Tex. Republicans' infighting threatens to consume another special session

BY MOLLY HENNESSY-FISKE

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Migrants wait for processing Sept. 11 in Eagle Pass, Tex. Gov. Greg Abbott is seeking legislative action authorizing Texas law enforcement "to arrest or remove any person who illegally enters the State, with penalties up to 20 years in prison for refusing to comply with removal."

ERIC GAY/AP

Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, center, talks with defense and prosecution attorneys Sept. 14 in Austin during the impeachment trial of Attorney General Ken Paxton, which divided Texas Republicans.

A civil war is raging among Texas Republicans. And as lawmakers return to Austin this week to address "school choice" vouchers and border security, that infighting threatens to consume what will be the third special session of the year.

The GOP has ruled all three branches of state government for decades, but this year tensions within the party have boiled over into very public battles — mirroring the fractures in Washington that last week led to the ouster of Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) as House speaker.

"This is very akin to what is going on at the federal level right now," said Brendan Steinhauser, a Republican strategist based in Austin. "You have leadership of the Republican Party . . . trying to fend off challenges from the grass-roots, certainly populist wing of the party."

The key difference in Texas, he added, is that "Republicans control everything across the board, and so it's a policy battle about what we should do with that power."

The state is run largely by the "Big Three" gatekeepers: Gov. Greg Abbott; Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Senate; and House Speaker Dade Phelan. The legislature officially meets for about five months every other year, though special sessions called by Abbott are turning lawmakers' convenings into a year-long affair.

In 2023, the trio have traded barbs on social media over property tax cuts, education spending and the impeachment of Attorney General Ken Paxton. The fallout from Paxton's acquittal last month — on charges of bribery, abuse of office and other misconduct — only further inflamed relations among the leadership as well as the rank and file.

Phelan's opponents have branded him a RINO, an acronym for the derogatory phrase "Republican in name only," for supporting the House's impeachment of Paxton. Patrick presided over the trial in the Senate and lashed out at the speaker as it ended, calling the proceedings a waste of taxpayer money and ordering an audit of their cost to the state.

On Friday, the lieutenant governor again went on the attack. A statement from his office described the House impeachment managers as "still trying to wipe the egg off their face" and castigated them anew for "shoddy work" and other "colossal" missteps from start to finish.

The attorney general has gone further, not only accusing Phelan of orchestrating the impeachment investigation for political gain but also alleging, based on live-stream footage from the House floor of Phelan slurring his words, that he presided while inebriated. Paxton's backers have dubbed him "Drunk Dade."

"We shouldn't allow a speaker, especially our party, to present himself like that in public," Paxton told former Fox TV host Tucker Carlson on his show streaming on the X social media platform last month. "And they did nothing about it. Instead, they came after me."

Phelan's reactions were equally sharp. A statement from his office dismissed Paxton's early accusations as "a last-ditch effort to save face" just as a House committee announced it was investigating him. And after the acquittal, the speaker blasted Patrick for "confessing his bias and placing his contempt for the people's House on full display."

Abbott largely remained on the sidelines during the trial, appointing two temporary replacements for the suspended Paxton. Once it ended, he released a statement siding with Patrick and noting Paxton "has done an outstanding job representing Texas, especially pushing back against the Biden Administration."

The governor campaigned last year on school vouchers and has vowed to keep calling special sessions until lawmakers pass a bill allowing parents to use taxpayer dollars to send their children to private schools. During a recent virtual town hall with religious leaders, Abbott asked voters to contact lawmakers in their districts and press for "educational freedom."

The issue has long divided the Texas House, however, and Paxton's impeachment only aggravated those divisions. While lawmakers ultimately reached an agreement in July on cutting property taxes — the outcome took two special sessions — the next debate probably will be just as contentious.

Rural GOP lawmakers have often sided with urban Democrats in opposing vouchers because their districts stand to gain the least, or even lose money. The last time the House even considered voucher legislation was 2005. A House committee was poised to pass a limited voucher plan earlier this year, but Abbott threatened to veto any measure that didn't apply to most students.

On Thursday, the governor detailed the legislative goals for "extraordinary session #3." Among them: action authorizing Texas law enforcement "to arrest or remove any person who illegally enters the State, with penalties up to 20 years in prison for refusing to comply with removal."

It's unclear what position Phelan and other relatively moderate House Republicans who sided with him on Paxton's impeachment will take as they fend off primary challenges and name-calling from the base. The speaker already faces two primary opponents next spring; Paxton just endorsed one of them.

His tenure as House speaker could be determined as soon as Monday. The party's right flank has vowed to unseat him, saying he is a Democratic sympathizer — just as a far-right GOP faction in Congress pushed to oust McCarthy for what it contended was his collusion with Democrats.

In Texas, the speaker traditionally assigns both Republicans and Democrats to chair committees. Phelan appointed Democrats to lead eight of 34 committees at the start of the regular 2023 legislative session, down from 13 the previous session. Paxton and other grass-roots conservatives still fault him for sharing power.

"Whoever gives those Democrats the most — whatever Republican agrees to the most — gets elected" as speaker, Paxton told Carlson.

The political action committee Defend Texas Liberty is already looking ahead to March's primary and recruiting candidates to run against House Republicans who voted to impeach Paxton, Steinhauser said. "They're going to put real money into that effort. They're branding Dade a certain way: 'California Drunk Dade,' a liberal out to get conservatives."

But the liberal label is hard to fathom. Phelan is an East Texas developer who, since his election in 2014, has supported some of the most conservative laws in the country, including bans on abortion and gender-affirming care for minors. He has supported Abbott's multibillion-dollar border security effort, Operation Lone Star, and at the start of the 2023 regular session he listed border security legislation as a priority.

The movement to unseat him after two years reflects how daring the populist wing of the Texas GOP has become, agreed James Henson, director of the Texas Politics Project at the University of Texas at Austin. The question is whether his detractors have enough votes to succeed.

"If they do it, it will happen early on. We'll find out how serious any sort of challenge is in the first day or two," Henson said.

Those opponents would probably propose a motion to vacate the chair, which in Texas requires at least 10 legislators to second. While 23 House Republicans voted against impeaching Paxton — compared to nearly three times that many who voted for impeachment — that doesn't mean they would all be willing to take a stand and vote against Phelan, Henson noted.

"Do they have 11 [Republicans] really willing to face the speaker down right now?" he asked.

Were the motion to pass, a majority of the House would then have to agree to oust him. At least some Democrats would have to be part of that, something Henson doesn't anticipate, especially after Phelan supported Paxton's impeachment.

Manny Garcia, co-founder of the Austin-based progressive advocacy firm Seeker Strategies, says Democrats might be swayed either way — though their disempowered party is accustomed to compromising with more-moderate conservatives.

"Are Democrats in a mood to unseat Speaker Phelan? Dade Phelan needs to think about what he has to offer Democrats," he said.

Regardless, Garcia and others expect the special session to get bogged down by GOP dysfunction.

"One-party rule for the past 30 years has led us to a place where the majority party cannot govern," he said. "Abortion doesn't exist in Texas. AR-15s are running rampant. The border buoys are killing people. How much more conservative do they want to get? . . . It's a pressure cooker."

Disney fans work their magic for a boy with cancer

BY PRAVEENA SOMASUNDARAM

JENNIFER PATCHIN

Drew Patchin, a 10-year-old with brain cancer, and his brother, Tyler, went to Mickey's Not-So-Scary Halloween Party on Sept. 29.

Jennifer Patchin learned in February that her 9-year-old son's brain cancer had come back.

This time, Drew's brain tumor was inoperable. His oncologist told the family they probably had about nine months left with him, Patchin recalled. The family decided they would spend the time making memories and doing "whatever Drew wanted."

And Drew, who is now 10, wanted to feel famous. He'd been featured in local news a few times during his battle with brain cancer, and he'd loved the rush of being recognized like a celebrity in his hometown of St. Louis, Patchin said.

So late last month, the family wanted to see whether he could feel famous during their trip to Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom. Hours before Mickey's Not-So-Scary Halloween Party — where Drew wanted to see his all-time favorite character, Dopey, one of the Snow White dwarves — Patchin's sister posted online to see whether she could get a handful of attendees to pretend they recognized Drew. But with help from a TikTok creator, the request went viral. Everywhere Drew went during the Sept. 29 party, visitors and Disney employees shouted his name, asked for autographs and posed for photos.

"That was all such magic that I couldn't buy for my kids," said Patchin, 43.

Drew has had brain cancer since 2019, when he was diagnosed with his first ependymoma, a type of tumor, at age 6.

Though he had surgery to remove the tumor and underwent about 30 rounds of radiation that year, it was all "no big deal" to him, Patchin said. He was so young at the time that he'd quickly forgotten the weeks he'd been in the hospital and the treatments he'd undergone, she said.

Drew, who'd always loved characters and mascots, watched "SpongeBob SquarePants" and "Paw Patrol" during radiation. After treatment, he lived his life as normally as possible, taking trips with his family to Disney theme parks and sporting events to see his favorite characters and mascots.

And aside from the one time he noticed that the cast member for Pluto, Mickey Mouse's dog, had a plastic tongue, Drew still "believed in the magic" of the characters, Patchin said.

"Until he's proven otherwise, he's believed that," she said. "And I love that about him."

The Patchin family considered themselves lucky for years. When Drew's cancer came back in 2021, the tumor was removed again. He'd survived brain cancer twice, and the family was hopeful he would not have to face it again.

"We knew if it came back, our options are very limited," Patchin said.

This past spring, when the family learned that the cancer had returned for a third time and was largely inoperable, their approach was "very, very different," Patchin said. She — alongside her husband, Doug; their 5-year-old son, Tyler; and her sister, Debbie Schultz — made a list of all the things they wanted to do with Drew over the next nine months.

At the same time, Patchin was contacting doctors across the country, hoping to find one who could try to help her son.

In July, Drew had some of his tumor removed and began chemotherapy as part of a six-week clinical trial the Patchin family thought might help him get rid of the third tumor. But a Sept. 8 MRI exam showed that it had only grown, Patchin said.

The family scheduled another scan for November and decided they would still go to Orlando for Mickey's Not-So-Scary Halloween Party while Drew was feeling up for it. Hoping to make the party extra special for Drew and his brother, Patchin's sister made a post in a Facebook group for the event.

"If you are going tonight and happen to see them and want to create pixie dust, just 'recognizing' them as celebrities excites them!" Schultz wrote in a request hours before the event was set to begin.

Her plea made its way to Kristen Sotakoun, a 33-year-old self-described "Disney adult" and content creator, who was in Orlando with her husband that same weekend.

Sotakoun, who worked as a Disney cast member more than 10 years ago, planned to attend the Halloween party and had been checking the Facebook group that afternoon when she saw Schultz's post.

"I was like, this takes zero effort to make these boys' day," Sotakoun said.

She knew that if she saw Drew and Tyler, she would say hello. But she wanted to take it one step further by sharing Schultz's request to her more than 1 million followers on TikTok.

"I feel like I'd be doing a disservice to myself if I didn't use my platform for this kind of thing, for something good," Sotakoun said.

She messaged Schultz for permission to make the video and to include photos of the Patchin family so people could recognize them. Sotakoun knew there were only about three hours to go until the party but hoped her video would reach at least five or 10 people who would be willing to help.

But the video's views skyrocketed. Users started showering the video with comments to express support and expand its online reach.

With about one hour left until the party, Sotakoun started receiving messages from cast members working the event saying they'd shared the request in group chats with other Disney colleagues.

Realizing Drew and Tyler's wish would come true, Sotakoun said, was a sign that "magic is so real."

"It was amazing to see a lot of people come together for these two boys in such a simple way," she said.

From the moment Drew and Tyler, dressed as Winnie-the-Pooh and Tigger, entered the Magic Kingdom, dozens of partygoers yelled their names, exclaiming in high-pitched voices how excited they were to see the duo, Patchin said. Disney cast members stationed throughout the park did the same, taking selfies and asking for autographs.

During the parade at the end of the night, Drew's favorite character, Dopey, skipped over and hugged him across the rope barrier before blowing him a kiss, video from Patchin shows. She sent videos and photos from the party to Sotakoun so she could share updates with TikTok users who had asked about Drew's day.

Since the party, Sotakoun's TikToks have been viewed more than 8 million times — a figure Patchin and her family are still trying to grasp. They'd wanted Drew and Tyler to feel famous but never expected millions of people across the world to care about the siblings and their story.

It's a memory Patchin will keep close in the coming months as the family weighs their course of action after the next MRI — that with the help of Sotakoun and other strangers online, they'd been able to grant Drew's wish.

On Wednesday morning, Patchin asked Drew what his favorite part of the day was.

"All of it," he said.

Seeing Biden vulnerable on immigration, GOP joins border crossing fray

BORDER FROM **A1**

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Venezuelan migrants negotiate razor wire as they cross into the United States from Mexico last month. Democrats are using unusually blunt language to challenge President Biden over the border crossings.

With near-record numbers of daily arrivals, shelters overflowing with families and city governments overwhelmed by new residents, one of the most intractable challenges of Biden's presidency is again threatening to upend his legislative agenda. Republicans have become increasingly vocal in challenging the president's management of the crisis, but what is especially notable — and concerning to the White House — is the unusually blunt language from Democratic officials.

"The federal government's lack of intervention and coordination at the border has created an untenable situation for Illinois," Pritzker, a potential future presidential candidate, wrote in his scathing letter to Biden last week.

"There is no more room in New York," Adams said Thursday while in Mexico City, his first stop on a three-country tour aimed at trying to discourage migrants from crossing into the United States and continuing on to his city.

Adams has been particularly vocal in his criticism of the president, but major cities like New York, Chicago, Boston, San Diego and Denver are all struggling to manage the sudden arrival of thousands of migrants and have pleaded for more help, funding and coordination from the federal government.

Republicans are hitting Biden even harder. Some are threatening to hold up aid to Ukraine unless it is accompanied by funds to protect the U.S.-Mexico border. Republican presidential candidates are promising, if they are elected, to send troops into Mexico to battle drug cartels. And Republican governors played a key role in the new dynamic by busing thousands of migrants into cities and states run by Democrats.

While the renewed criticism is coming at a challenging time for Biden, as he ramps up his reelection campaign, he has faced political crosswinds on immigration from the outset of his presidency, caught between a desire to overturn Trump's hard-line policies and the risk of inviting chaos at the border.

Republicans pounced as border crossings rose when he took office, fueled by migrants' expectations of a more relaxed policy. Later that year liberals were upset by photos of border agents aggressively pursuing Haitian migrants. Biden reversed himself several times on how much to lift Trump's limit on refugees. He did not immediately lift the Title 42 border policy, a pandemic-era measure that limited immigration, angering some in his own party.

White House officials say the president is doing everything possible to deal with an overwhelmingly difficult situation, given Congress's decades-long inability to enact legislative solutions to address a problem that has vexed multiple administrations. In recent weeks, Biden has authorized new work permits for migrants from Venezuela, provided additional money to local governments for migrant shelter and services and stepped up deportations for people who entered the country illegally.

Most dramatically, the Biden administration last week said it would bypass environmental and conservation laws to fast-track construction of new barriers along the border — a highly symbolic move given Democrats' longtime criticism of Trump's proposed border wall. On Friday, Biden again reiterated his contention that his hands were tied because Congress had provided funding for the barriers.

"I was told that I had no choice," Biden told reporters at the White House. "Congress passes legislation to build something, whether it's an aircraft carrier or a wall or provide for a tax cut, and I can't say, 'I don't like it and I'm not going to do it.'" Earlier that same week, asked if he believed a border wall would be effective, Biden said "no."

There is little evidence the push to enter the United States will abate over the long term. During the past three years, federal agents have made more than 6 million arrests along the southern border, the busiest span in the 100-year history of the U.S. Border Patrol.

And the politics of immigration have only become more fraught. Biden campaigned in 2020 pledging to undo many of the strict migration policies enacted by Trump, but has found himself embracing a growing number of those policies in the face of the persistently high border crossings.

The latest flash point came in May with the expiration of the pandemic-era Title 42 border policy, which had allowed authorities to quickly expel migrants back to Mexico or their home countries.

Since then, the Biden administration has sought to pair new legal opportunities for migrants with harsher penalties for illegal entry. Under new asylum rules, the administration provided thousands of migrants with new pathways to legally enter each month via programs like the CBP One app, while also making it easier to deport people who do not abide by the rules.

Biden's aides declared that this multifaceted plan was working in June, when the number of unauthorized entries fell by nearly 70 percent. But the reprieve proved to be short-lived.

Now again facing a rapid increase in migration, the Biden administration announced Thursday it would resume deporting Venezuelan migrants back to their country. The decision came less than a month after the administration had extended legal status to nearly 500,000 Venezuelans who were already in the United States.

Along the way, Biden himself has rarely addressed these policy shifts publicly, as his actions have managed to upset a wide range of stakeholders, including those traditionally aligned with him on other matters. Democrats including Sen. Alex Padilla (Calif.) and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (N.Y.) have blasted the administration's decision to move forward with barrier construction.

The president's approach reflects an administration that is "scared of the issue," said Vanessa Cárdenas, executive director of the pro-immigration group America's Voice.

"Not talking about the issue is not a strategy to win," Cárdenas said, adding that she approved of some of Biden's recent actions but felt he should be more proactive in laying out his broader vision for voters ahead of next year's election. "Because in the absence of that answer, the other side is going to take over the debate like they've been doing."

Republican presidential candidates seeking to oust Biden from the White House next year are increasingly leaning into border politics. During the second GOP presidential debate last month, the candidates spent much of the night attacking Biden's immigration policies and presenting themselves as more capable of reducing the flow of migration.

Sen. Tim Scott (R-S.C.) used his answer to the very first question of the debate, about the United Auto Workers strike, to pivot abruptly to the migration issue.

"I'll say this, Joe Biden should not be on the picket line," Scott said. "He should be on the southern border working to close our southern border because it is unsafe, wide open and insecure."

Trump, the leading contender for the Republican nomination, has promised to conduct mass deportations if he regains the White House. He presents his White House tenure as a time of more effective management of the border, despite the pitched legal and political battles that erupted over his policies separating families at the border and blocking travel from several Muslim-majority countries.

The Trump campaign last week cited Biden's decision to proceed with additional border barriers as a tacit admission that Trump's own "build-the-wall" approach to immigration, much pilloried by Democrats, was sound. On social media, Trump called for an apology from Biden, who has criticized his predecessor's border crackdown as inhumane and cruel.

Recent polls showcase why Republicans see a political benefit in elevating the issue ahead of next year's elections.

Less than 1 in 4 Americans approve of Biden's handling of the immigration situation at the U.S.-Mexico border, according to a September Washington Post-ABC News poll. That's down from 28 percent who said they approved in February.

A Marquette Law School poll released Wednesday showed voters preferred Trump over Biden on the issue of immigration by a 23-point margin, with only 27 percent choosing the current president. Unusually high disapproval among Democrats is one factor driving the president's poll numbers on immigration.

The White House has been holding calls and meetings with Democratic officials from New York, Illinois and other locations to coordinate and strategize, according to administration officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe internal efforts.

Two weekends ago, White House Chief of Staff Jeff Zients, senior adviser Tom Perez and others spoke with Pritzker, Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson and other local officials to discuss the challenge and offer federal support. Yet last Monday, Pritzker sent his letter to Biden, using the word "untenable" four times to describe the "humanitarian crisis."

The administration has allocated more than $1 billion to help cities deal with the surge of migration, and the president has asked Congress to provide more funding and other legislative fixes to address the problem. Republicans in the House have rebuffed Biden's request and instead accused him of promoting "open border" policies that have attracted millions of migrants to come to the United States from across the globe.

White House officials counter that the far-reaching spending cuts proposed by House Republicans would decimate an already overburdened Department of Homeland Security.

The matter could soon come to a head in the midst of turmoil in the House of Representatives, where Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) was ousted as speaker last week amid the dissatisfaction of some hard-line conservatives over his approach to spending bills.

Some Republicans now say they will block any new funding for the war in Ukraine until legislation boosting border enforcement is passed, linking two seemingly unrelated issues by saying the United States needs to protect its own borders rather than Ukraine's. Other Republican lawmakers have threatened to allow the government to shut down next month, when the current stopgap spending measure expires, if Biden does not agree to major changes in border policy.

"This is a lawless Biden regime," Rep. Andy Biggs (R-Ariz.) said last week on the House floor. "They will not enforce border laws. And we can pass them until we're blue in the face but until you leverage the budget and the spending, you will not see enforcement by this administration."

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Woman dies 7 weeks after fleeing Maui fires

BY DANIEL WU

COURTESY OF PERRY ALLEN-HOOD

Perry and Laurie Allen.

Laurie Allen brought up the rear of a desperate convoy that tried to drive to safety as the Maui wildfires raged around them in early August. The smoke was so thick that Allen could hardly see the road, a relative recalled. Then two brake lights pierced through the smog. Allen later told her family that she saw her neighbors exit their cars and run back toward her — and she soon saw why.

A large banyan tree had fallen across the road, crushing cars and raising a wall of fire between those fleeing and their escape route. As flames surrounded Allen's group, she saw only one way out, said Penny Allen Hood, Allen's sister-in-law.

"She ran," Hood told The Washington Post. "Through … a football-field-long field that was on fire."

Allen's dramatic escape on foot, through 100 yards of burning grass, left her body scored with critical burns, her sister-in-law said. She was airlifted to a burn unit in Honolulu, where she continued to fight for her life in surgery. But Allen, 65, died weeks later, on Sept. 29, family members told The Post.

"Her heart was tired, and she was ready," Hood wrote in an update to an online fundraiser.

Allen is one of the nearly 100 confirmed victims of the wildfires that swept across the Hawaiian island of Maui, reducing the historic beach town of Lahaina to ash. The wildfires were among the deadliest in U.S. history.

Allen had moved to Lahaina with her husband, Perry, about a decade ago, Hood said. Allen worked as an office manager for a physical therapist, and Perry worked on a resort on another part of the island. Together, they found a fresh start in the quiet surroundings of the island, where they took boogie boards to the coast or cycled across the plains.

"They both loved it," Hood said. "They watched the sunset together every day."

Allen and her neighbors gathered outside their apartments and watched the fire grow from a distance on the afternoon of Aug. 8, Hood said. It didn't appear to be headed toward them until the winds quickly changed. They drove through neighborhood roads choked with smoke until the downed tree blocked their path, Allen later told her family.

Perry, who was at the resort at the time, was unable to reach Lahaina because the roads were blocked, Hood said. He received a worried text from his wife: The traffic out of town wasn't moving. She and the other drivers were stuck.

When flames encircled their cars, Allen yelled at the group to run and made the choice to plunge into the flames, Hood wrote in the family's fundraiser. She did not see her neighbors again.

Allen emerged from the blazing field on a main road, where emergency responders treated her, Hood said. A firefighter wrapped his arms around Allen to smother the flames covering her body, and she was rushed to Maui Memorial Medical Center before being airlifted to Straub Medical Center in Honolulu.

At some point, Allen was able to utter her husband's name and phone number, Hood said. A distraught Perry Allen received a voice message in the evening from a doctor: "We think we have your wife."

Perry Allen endured his own ordeal to reach Honolulu and prove his wife's identity to the hospital, Hood said. He recognized Allen's purple nail polish, but the couple's documents had gone up in flames with their home. Still, doctors allowed Allen to stay at his wife's bedside as they raced to treat her, Hood said.

"He would cry every time he'd see 'Jane Doe' on her chart," she said.

Allen drifted in and out of consciousness as doctors prepared skin grafts to treat her burns, and she was able to recount her ordeal to her husband, Hood said. But infections set back her treatment as she endured the searing pain of a body almost completely covered in burns. Allen died "peacefully" with her family present after a seven-week battle, Hood wrote in the family's fundraiser.

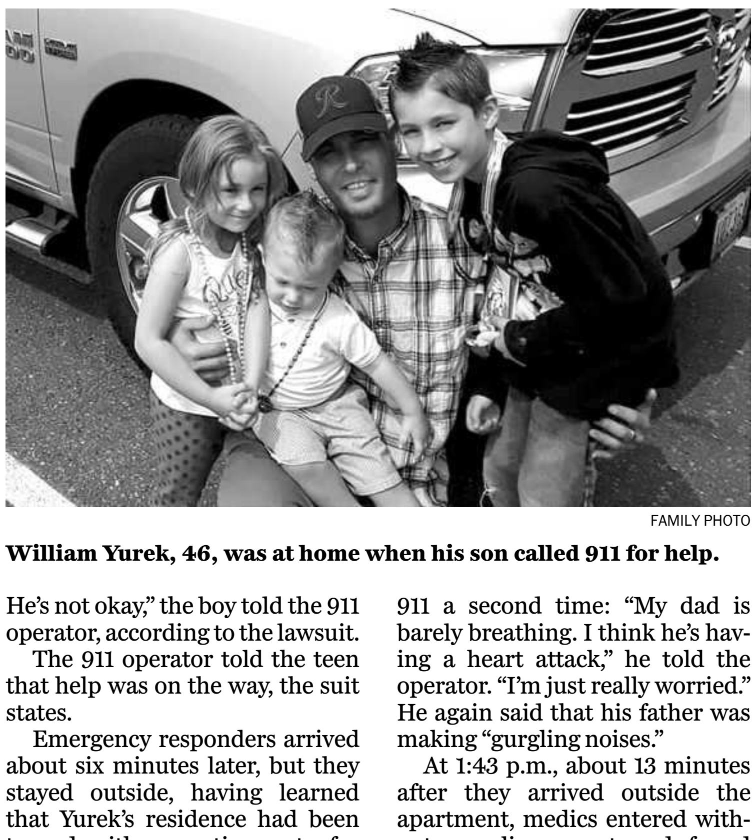
That Allen willed herself in the hospital for that long, after dashing through an inferno, was for the sake of her husband, Hood said.

Hood said Perry Allen told his wife in a lucid moment that he couldn't lose her after losing everything else to the flames.

"It was almost like she took a deep breath and said, 'Okay, I'm going to keep fighting,'" Hood said. "And she did."

Seattle settles with man's family in suit over delayed emergency care

BY JONATHAN EDWARDS


FAMILY PHOTO

William Yurek, 46, was at home when his son called 911 for help.

William Yurek's 13-year-old son called 911 when his father started having chest pains and trouble breathing in their Seattle apartment in November 2021.

"I think he's having a heart attack or something," he told the 911 operator. "He's making this weird noise from his throat. A gurgling noise."

Medics arrived six minutes later but didn't immediately enter the residence. They had been directed to wait for a police escort because Yurek's apartment unit had allegedly been put on a "blacklist" of addresses considered hostile to police and paramedics.

Thirteen minutes after his first 911 call, Yurek's son made a second, even more desperate one, and six minutes later, medics made the decision to enter the apartment, according to his family.

It was too late. Despite their efforts, Yurek died in front of his son. He was 46.

Family members sued the city in December, and recently they agreed to settle their wrongful-death lawsuit for $1.86 million. In a six-page complaint filed in King County Superior Court, Yurek's family had accused city officials of endangering residents' lives by using an outdated 911 blacklist that required medics to wait for an escort from officers in a police department that officials knew was "severely understaffed." By doing so, they allegedly created conditions that inevitably led to tragedy.

"The family went into this wanting justice, accountability, and for the city to fix the issue so it didn't happen to anyone else," the family's lawyer, Mark Lindquist, said in an email to The Washington Post.

"People need to know how the city let this happen," Meagan Petersen, Yurek's ex-wife and the mother of his three minor children, said in the months after his death. "They could have saved Will if the system was working like it should."

Responding to the allegations in the suit, city officials denied the existence of a blacklist but said that they do tag certain addresses with "caution notes" that, in the case of Yurek's apartment, required firefighter-paramedics with the Seattle Fire Department to wait for police before entering because the occupant had a history of threatening them.

But Yurek's relatives said in their lawsuit that the list was outdated. A previous tenant, not Yurek, had been on the list, the suit states.

In a statement to The Post, the Seattle city attorney's office said that city officials have changed how caution notes are used since Yurek's death. They now expire after a year unless they're reviewed and renewed. Notes requiring police assistance because of violent or threatening behavior have to be verified every time there's a dispatch to that address. And a caution note must be removed from an address if the occupant it applies to has moved away.

It was at 1:24 p.m. on Nov. 2, 2021, that Yurek's son called 911.

"My dad . . . I don't know, he can't breathe or something. . . . He's not okay," the boy told the 911 operator, according to the lawsuit.

The 911 operator told the teen that help was on the way, the suit states.

Emergency responders arrived about six minutes later, but they stayed outside, having learned that Yurek's residence had been tagged with a caution note for reported hostility toward police and firefighters, according to the suit. Notes in the city's 911 system directed medics to hail police for an escort, the suit states.

At 1:37 p.m., Yurek's son called 911 a second time: "My dad is barely breathing. I think he's having a heart attack," he told the operator. "I'm just really worried." He again said that his father was making "gurgling noises."

At 1:43 p.m., about 13 minutes after they arrived outside the apartment, medics entered without a police escort and found Yurek on the floor, the suit states. They used CPR and a defibrillator to try to save him.

"Once inside, medics did everything they could to save Will's life," Lindquist, the family's lawyer, wrote in a news release.

Experts put forth by the family in the litigation process said that Yurek would have had about a 25 percent chance of survival if the medics had worked on him when they first arrived, their lawyer added.

"Quick treatment is critical to surviving cardiac arrest," Lindquist said in the release. "Every minute treatment is delayed can lessen a patient's chances of survival by seven to ten percent."

Seattle police were "severely understaffed" in November 2021 in the aftermath of the abandonment of the Capitol Hill Occupied Protest, a six-block, police-free zone established by activists amid Black Lives Matter protests in the weeks after George Floyd was murdered, according to the suit. Despite the short staffing, city officials allegedly continued to use the blacklist and caution notes requiring medics to wait for a police escort.

In the news release, Lindquist said that Yurek's family members appreciated city officials' changing how rescue workers use caution notes. That, he added, was one of their goals in filing a lawsuit.

"We are pleased the city took steps to fix this issue," he said, "so it won't happen again."

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In Australia, door-knockers are battling misinformation

A proposal to change the nation's constitution to give Indigenous people a 'Voice to Parliament' was meant to sail through. Now, it looks destined to fail.

BY MICHAEL E. MILLER

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SYDNEY — The man in the "Yes" shirt was tall with broad shoulders built by years moving cargo at the Port of Darwin. But as Thomas Mayo canvassed the Sydney suburb of Mount Druitt, he was careful to knock gently on each door and speak calmly about the cause to which he'd devoted the past six years: the cause of changing Australia's constitution to recognize Indigenous people like him, and to give them a "Voice," or advisory body, to Parliament.

"G'day, mate, sorry to interrupt. My name is Thomas and I'm here with the Yes campaign for the referendum that is coming up," Mayo said at the first door that opened. "Have you made a decision about your vote yet?"

The resident, a South Asian immigrant, happily said he'd be voting yes. Mayo pumped his fist and handed the man an information sheet.

At the next door, however, a White woman cut him off and closed the door in his face. It wasn't a new experience for Mayo, who has been targeted with conspiracy theories and racist caricatures and even threats of violence.

The Oct. 14 referendum was supposed to be straightforward. It was the first thing the center-left prime minister, Anthony Albanese, committed to on election night last year, when polls showed around two-thirds of Australians supported the idea.

But opposition parties objected, claiming the proposal's wording was too vague, the time frame too short, the consequences too uncertain.

The "No" campaign flooded social media with videos claiming that the problem wasn't decades of discrimination Down Under, it was the proposal itself, which they said was divisive.

Viral videos falsely warned farmers that if the proposal passed, Aboriginal people would take their land. Spurious messages told immigrant parents that Indigenous kids would occupy their children's spots in school. Even Indigenous people were targeted with misinformation claiming the Voice would undermine — not aid — pursuit of a treaty.

In Australia, proposed changes to the constitution must win a "double majority" by prevailing in the overall vote and in at least four of its six states. Polls show the Yes vote well below 50 percent.

Early voting began last week, and Yes campaigners are still trying to drum up support in working-class melting pots like Mount Druitt. Could old-fashioned door-knocking compete with a torrent of social media misinformation?

Mayo thanked the woman as she shut the door and kept walking. Down a lane he found Lynette Sowden, smoking a Double Happiness cigarette and sipping coffee from a Hot Wheels mug. The 58-year-old had been up all night cleaning an office building. Mayo wished her a good morning and asked how she was going to vote.

"I'm not sure," she said. "I haven't made up my mind."

Sowden, who is White, had Aboriginal relatives who were voting yes. But her friends were all voting no. And her social media feeds were filled with posts claiming the Voice was a takeover by the World Economic Forum or the "New World Order."

Mayo handed her a flier and, sensing her hesitation, tried to reassure her.

"It's just to recognize Indigenous people in the constitution," he said.

"Well, I agree with that," she replied.

"And the Voice part is just an advisory committee," he continued. "The No campaign has been trying to tell people that this is something that will take something away from someone. But it's just advice, nothing more than that."

"Okay," she said, less assuredly.

"I hope you can support us," he said, leaving Sowden to decide whether she trusted the man with the soft voice standing in front of her, or the frantic warnings in her Facebook feed.

'History is Calling'

"It's at the doors that we're going to win this," Mayo had urged roughly three dozen volunteers gathered in a park earlier that morning, "having conversations with people that haven't heard about it before."

Yet, increasingly, the problem was that many people had heard about the referendum — and what they'd heard was often wrong.

The Yes campaign, including Mayo's Yes23 organization, had galvanized 40,000 volunteers. It had also outspent the opposition on advertising, with a "History is Calling" tagline and stirring television ads appealing to Australians' better angels.

Online, however, what appeared to be working was fear.

Fin Duggan, a 30-year-old Yes23 volunteer, had made pro-Voice videos that had garnered thousands of views on TikTok. But they were no match for an algorithm that appeared to favor No videos, even though many were misleading, and some were outright false. Almost all of them had co-opted the Yes campaign's Yes23 hashtag.

"It's a U.S. thing," she said. "They call it 'flooding the zone.'"

She opened TikTok on her phone and searched for Yes23. All but one of the top videos were by the main No group, Fair Australia. Some featured Indigenous people calling the Voice "divisive." Others used misleadingly edited video clips to paint Mayo as a communist who would use the Voice to pursue a secret, radical agenda.

Mayo, a union organizer, got involved in 2017, when a historic summit of more than 250 Indigenous community leaders had produced a powerful declaration called the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

It sought to enshrine the Voice to Parliament in the constitution and later to create a commission to supervise truth-telling and treaty-making.

Mayo, one of the signatories, has been advocating for the Voice, and that has made him a target. Conservative columnists have questioned his Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ancestry. Pictures of his parents have been circulated and scrutinized online.

WILLIAM WEST/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

TOP: Thomas Mayo knocks on doors in the Sydney suburb of Mount Druitt in September. He is a leader of the Yes campaign to give Indigenous Australians a parliamentary advisory body. ABOVE: A Walk for Yes rally in Melbourne that same month.

In July, Fair Australia ran a newspaper ad depicting Mayo as a communist dancing for corporate donations.

Mayo had experienced discrimination since he was a boy, but the caricature — which seemed to tap into racist stereotypes — had stung. It was a "national expression of degradation," he said.

What Mayo worried about most was that the misinformation would lead to violence. He'd seen an uptick in online vitriol since May, when opposition leader Peter Dutton claimed that the Voice would "permanently divide us by race" and "have an Orwellian effect where all Australians are equal, but some Australians are more equal than others."

Playing on fears

It didn't take long while door-knocking to find Australians struggling to sort fact from fiction.

A Maori man originally from New Zealand said he'd been deluged with social media posts featuring Indigenous people against the Voice, which had left him leaning toward voting no.

A White grandmother told Mayo she didn't need any more information: She got plenty from Rumble, a YouTube rival popular with conservatives where a video calling the Voice a "secret communist plot" had thousands of views.

And then there was Sowden. After Mayo left, she sat at the kitchen table, wondering how to reconcile the stories she'd heard on social media with what she'd heard from him.

Her son was voting no, she said. So, too, were her friends, but they didn't know any Indigenous people. Sowden did. She'd adopted an Aboriginal teenager after the girl's mother had died. When Mayo had mentioned the disadvantages facing Indigenous people, Sowden had agreed because she'd seen it herself.

And yet, there were the videos on her phone, pulling her in another direction, playing on her fears.

"If you're a homeowner, landowner or farmer or anything and you vote yes, for the Voice, you've just killed this country completely," one warned.

"If we say yes to this referendum, we're essentially giving away our sovereignty as a nation," said another.

Sowden set her phone down. She wasn't sure she agreed, but the videos had stirred her darkest anxieties, and soon she, too, was echoing conspiracy theories.

"People are a bit worried," she began, "because why should somebody be able to come in and take your land away from you when they haven't even lived on it themselves?"

A few blocks away, the Yes campaigners had reconvened at the park. Mayo reclined on the grass — a moment's rest before heading to the airport and then to Adelaide, then Melbourne, then back to Sydney. He'd only seen his family one weekend in the past three months.

Sometimes, Mayo said, it seemed like the truth didn't matter anymore.

He rose. He had a flight to catch: 13 more days to try to cut through the misinformation, one conversation at a time.

DIGEST

NORTH KOREA

Think tank: Rail traffic a sign of arming Russia

Recent satellite photos show a sharp increase in rail traffic along the North Korea-Russia border, indicating the North is supplying munitions to Russia, according to a U.S. think tank.

Speculation about a possible North Korean plan to refill Russia's munition stores, which have been drained in its war with Ukraine, flared last month when North Korean leader Kim Jong Un traveled to Russia to meet President Vladimir Putin. Foreign officials suspect in exchange, Kim is seeking sophisticated Russian weapons technologies to boost his nuclear program.

"Given that Kim and Putin discussed some military exchanges and cooperation at their recent summit, the dramatic increase in rail traffic likely indicates North Korea's supply of arms and munitions to Russia," Beyond Parallel, a website run by the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies think tank, said in a report Friday. However, it said, it was impossible to be sure because tarps were covering the shipping containers.

— Associated Press

BRITAIN

Labour Party hopeful it could regain power

Members of Britain's opposition Labour Party gathered in Liverpool on Sunday for their annual conference with an unfamiliar feeling: optimism.

The party has been out of power for 13 years, and in the last national election in 2019, voters handed Labour its worst drubbing since 1935. But with an election due next year, polls put Labour as much as 20 points ahead of the governing Conservative Party, and Labour scored a victory in a special election in Scotland last week.

Labour's landslide 1997 election victory under Tony Blair — the peak of its popularity — was a quarter-century ago, and the party has suffered four straight election defeats.

The Conservatives have been in power nationally since 2010, years that saw austerity following the world banking crisis, Britain's divisive decision to leave the European Union, a global pandemic and a European war that has triggered the worst cost-of-living crisis in decades.

In a speech opening the gathering, Deputy Leader Angela Rayner accused Conservatives of presiding over "national decline" and being too consumed with internal political chaos to sort out the country's problems.

— Associated Press

TURKEY

Hundreds of fugitives caught after bombing

Turkish authorities have captured 2,554 fugitives as part of a nationwide counterterrorism operation launched after Kurds detonated a bomb near government buildings in Ankara a week ago, Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya said Sunday.

Turkey said all targets belonging to the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) militia and the Syrian Kurdish YPG militia were "legitimate targets" for its forces, after the PKK claimed responsibility for the Oct. 1 bombing, which wounded two police officers and killed the two attackers.

Since the attack, Ankara has launched airstrikes and ground-based attacks against militant targets in the north of Syria and Iraq, while ramping up security operations at home.

Yerlikaya said on social media platform X, formerly known as Twitter, that the fugitives were caught as part of a nationwide initiative dubbed "Operation Heroes."

Authorities had been searching for 12 of the fugitives for over 10 years, Yerlikaya said, while 91 others had been sought for at least five years.

— Reuters

Conservatives and far-right gain in German vote: Germany's center-right opposition won two state elections Sunday, at the halfway mark of Chancellor Olaf Scholz's unpopular national government, projections showed, and a far-right party that has been riding high in national polls celebrated gains. The votes in Bavaria and Hesse followed a campaign marked by discontent with persistent squabbling in the national government and by pressure to reduce the number of migrants arriving in Germany.

Tropical Storm Koinu approaches Hong Kong: Scores of flights in Hong Kong were canceled Sunday as Tropical Storm Koinu neared the southern Chinese city after leaving one dead and over 300 injured in Taiwan. Koinu was expected to skirt about 40 miles from Hong Kong on Sunday night, dumping heavy showers, the Hong Kong Observatory said. Koinu was packing maximum winds of 55 mph and gusts of up to 76 mph, according to the observatory.

— From news services

Blinken rejects claim on Hamas, Iranian assets

Some maintain unfrozen and unspent oil funds facilitated attack

BY PATRICK MARLEY

Secretary of State Antony Blinken pushed back Sunday against unsubstantiated claims that Iranian assets that were recently freed up facilitated Hamas's surprise attack on Israel, noting that none of the money has been spent yet and that it can be used only for humanitarian purposes.

"Not a single dollar from that account has actually been spent to date," Blinken said on ABC's "This Week." "And in any event, it's very carefully and closely regulated by the Treasury Department to make sure that it's only used for food, for medicine, for medical equipment."

A Hamas spokesman told the BBC that the group received direct support from Iran to conduct its attack. Blinken denounced Iran's long history of backing Hamas but emphasized that Iran had not yet used the funds that were recently made available.

The Biden administration in September notified Congress that banks would be allowed to transfer $6 billion in frozen Iranian oil assets as part of an agreement to exchange five American citizens detained in Iran for five Iranian citizens detained in the United States. Under the deal, the funds were transferred from South Korea to Qatar and could only be used for humanitarian purposes.

South Korea held $6 billion in Iranian funds under a 2018 waiver from the Trump administration that allowed it to continue to purchase oil from Iran. The assets were frozen in 2019 when the Trump administration increased sanctions on Iran.

Under the recent deal, Blinken signed a waiver that said foreign banks would not be subject to U.S. sanctions for transferring the Iranian funds. The funds were transferred to Qatar's central bank and can be used only for humanitarian purchases made by vendors who have been vetted. The United States monitors how the funds are used to ensure they go toward providing food, medicine and other humanitarian needs to ordinary Iranians, according to the State Department.

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Secretary of State Antony Blinken at a September news conference in New York where he announced that five Americans jailed in Iran have been freed. The deal unfroze $6 billion in Iranian assets, but the funds can only be used for humanitarian needs, Blinken says.

Nader Habibi, a professor of economics at Brandeis University's Crown Center for Middle East Studies, said in an interview Sunday with The Washington Post that Iran was likely to use any additional resources for "regime survival."

"Releasing that $6 billion obviously opens up resources for Iran, even if it is allocated just for food and medicine. That means that Iran would be able to release some funds that were previously going to food and medicine for other purposes," Habibi said. "However, direct contribution to additional resources for Hamas, in my opinion, would be limited."

In 2020, the State Department reported that Iran spends about $100 million a year on Hamas and other Palestinian groups. Cliff Kupchan, chairman of the consulting firm Eurasia Group, called that a relatively small amount in the context of the country's overall finances and said Iran would most likely bankroll Hamas at the same level regardless of whether the $6 billion in humanitarian funds were made available.

"The reality is that funding Hamas is a foreign policy national security priority for Iran," he said. "They're going to find that money. The money they want to spend, they're going to spend."

Iran is going to be more interested in putting money toward domestic concerns, he said. "They need what they've got to tend the farm at home," Kupchan told The Post.

Some Republicans criticized the unfreezing of the Iranian assets at the time, arguing it could inspire the country to capture more prisoners in the future. They stepped up their condemnations of the agreement after Hamas launched its attack Saturday on Israel.

"The Biden administration must be held accountable for its appeasement of these Hamas terrorists, including handing over billions of dollars to them and their Iranian backers," House Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-La.), who is running for House speaker, wrote in a message on X, the platform previously known as Twitter.

On NBC's "Meet the Press," Blinken emphasized that the funds must be used for humanitarian assistance. "When any money is spent from that account, it can only be used for medical supplies, for food, for medicine," he said. "And those who are saying otherwise are either misinformed or misinforming. And it's wrong either way."

Nikki Haley, who served as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations in the Trump administration and is now seeking the Republican nomination for president, was more nuanced than some of her fellow Republicans.

Suggesting on "Meet the Press" that the unfrozen assets would free up other money to allow Iran to fund Hamas's attack, Haley said: "It was irresponsible for Secretary Blinken to say that the $6 billion doesn't weigh in here." She added: "I mean, let's be honest with the American people and understand that Hamas knows and Iran knows they're moving money around as we speak because they know $6 billion is going to be released."

Blinken on "This Week" condemned Iran for its past support for Hamas but said that officials have not yet determined whether Iran was involved in the latest offensive.

"Hamas wouldn't be Hamas without the support that it's gotten over many years from Iran," he said. "We haven't yet seen direct evidence that Iran was behind this particular attack or involved."

Echoing Blinken, deputy national security adviser Jon Finer on "Fox News Sunday" said the Biden administration was looking into whether Iran had a role. "It is too soon to draw any definitive conclusions, but Iran has been a longtime supporter of Hamas and has complete complicity in the capabilities that Hamas has built up over time," he said.

Finer said the United States would closely monitor how Iran spends the recently unfrozen assets.

"If Iran spends that money in ways that it's not supposed to, we will know," he said. "We expect that this money is only going to be spent over a fairly extended period of time — years, not weeks, not months — and that spending money on stuff — food items, agricultural products, medicines — that benefits the Iranian people, but it does not benefit the Iranian military, is frankly not related to the discussion that we're having today."

In a separate appearance on "Fox News Sunday," former secretary of state Mike Pompeo joined those who connected the weekend attack to the freed-up funds.

"I was on this very show a few weeks back talking about the fact that when the United States pays $1 billion per hostage, there'll be more hostage-taking," he said. "Look what happened yesterday — more hostages taken by the Iranian regime's proxy, Hamas in Gaza."

Hamas militants are holding Israeli military personnel and civilians hostage, according to Hamas and Israel. Blinken on "Face the Nation" said the U.S. government is investigating whether any Americans have been taken hostage.

Mariana Alfaro and Daniel Gilbert contributed to this report.

Israel formally declares war on Hamas after surprise attack

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the fighting, raising the specter of a conflagration that Israel has feared for decades: a multi-front attack by Arab enemies bent on wiping out the Jewish state.

Saturday's attack, which saw Palestinian gunmen infiltrate Israel at multiple points, caught the country's military and intelligence services off guard. The extent of the carnage was coming into focus Sunday: at least 700 people were dead inside Israel and more than 2,000 wounded. Dozens more were taken hostage and transferred to the Gaza Strip, where local health authorities said late Sunday that 413 people had been killed so far in Israeli military strikes.

Foreign nationals were among those killed and captured in Israel. Gilad Erdan, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, told "Fox & Friends" on Sunday that "there are dozens, dozens, okay, of Americans, Israeli Americans, holding American citizenship who are held hostage now in Gaza." Secretary of State Antony Blinken told CNN's "State of the Union" that the Biden administration was working to verify reports that Americans were dead or missing.

President Biden spoke with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday and reiterated his "unreserved support," according to the Israeli government. Biden directed additional support for Israel "in the face of this unprecedented terrorist assault by Hamas," the White House said.

"The United States government will be rapidly providing the Israel Defense Forces with additional equipment and resources, including munitions," Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said in a statement Sunday, adding that the first assistance would arrive in Israel in the coming days.

Austin also said he directed the movement of the USS Gerald R. Ford Carrier Strike Group to the eastern Mediterranean to "bolster regional deterrence efforts."

At least 10 locations in southern Israel, including residential neighborhoods and military bases, remained active battle zones on Sunday afternoon, more than 24 hours after the start of one of the grisliest episodes in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The militants that crossed into Israel and overran the communities seemed intent on taking hostages, and hundreds were held in their homes or in public spaces while many more were taken across the border into the Gaza Strip.

Israel's embassy in Washington said Sunday that "dozens" of Israelis were captured in the incursion, and Israel's military said the hostages included civilians. The spokesman for Hamas's military wing, the Izzedine al-Qassam Brigades, acknowledged that Hamas had captured and relocated "tens" of Israeli soldiers and officers, adding on Telegram that they had been "safeguarded in safe locations and in the resistance's tunnels."

Hamas famously has tunnels running from Gaza into Israel, which Israel dubs "a vast underground city with dozens of access points." Israel is particularly sensitive to hostage-taking and has in the past released hundreds of prisoners of war in exchange for just one or two of its own — a policy that Hamas has identified as a "vulnerability," according to Yossi Mekelberg, an associate fellow in the Middle East and North Africa program at Chatham House.

Hamas has not yet made any demands for the hostages' release, but militants could spread them out at sites to dissuade Israel from retaliating with strikes, Mekelberg said.

One couple kidnapped from an all-night trance party near Gaza on Saturday spent hours hiding from armed gunmen in bushes before being captured, according to a friend.

Noa Argamani, 25, and her 29-year-old boyfriend Avinatan Or were among hundreds of revelers at the rave just a few miles from the fence that edges the Gaza Strip when rocket fire began in the early hours of the morning, said Shlomit Marciano, also 25.

The area was later overrun by gunmen, who shot at the fleeing partygoers. Or had messaged Argamani's father at about 10 a.m. to say they were safe, but that was the last they were heard from until a video was posted online showing Argamani screaming as she was separated from her boyfriend and driven off on a motorcycle.

A later video showed Argamani sitting on cushions in a room with a tiled floor, sipping from a bottle of water. "We know she's alive from the video, but there are hundreds of people missing," Marciano said.

Israeli authorities said Sunday they were working to rescue hostages.

"Israel is no stranger to hostage situations and we have specially trained negotiators and rescuers in place," said Masha Michelson, deputy head of the Israel Defense Forces' international press department.

Michelson said hundreds of thousands of Israeli soldiers had been deployed to southern and northern Israel over the past day. The army is still working to "clean" the area, going from "home to home, and from trash can to trash can, all of which takes an enormous amount of time," Michelson said.

In southern Israel, along Gaza's northeastern edge, abandoned cars and bodies lined the road. Many of the bodies appeared to belong to Palestinian militants.

On the edge of Be'eri, a kibbutz in southern Israel, soldiers led families out on foot. Two elderly residents had been hiding in their bomb shelter since Saturday morning.

"The gunfire was unlike anything I had ever heard," said Ambily, a 37-year-old caregiver who hid with the couple as gunmen overran Be'eri early Saturday morning. The Washington Post did not use her last name out of concern for her security. "It was like something I had only heard before on television or in the movies."

Retaliatory airstrikes by Israel pummeled the Gaza Strip overnight, and Netanyahu vowed to turn "all of the places which Hamas is deployed, hiding and operating in … into rubble."

"I say to the residents of Gaza: Leave now because we will operate forcefully everywhere," he said in a televised statement late Saturday.

But in the densely populated enclave of some 2 million people that has been subjected since 2007 to an Israeli blockade, there are few places to turn.

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Israelis inspect the rubble of a Tel Aviv building on Sunday, a day after it was hit by a rocket fired from the Gaza Strip,

About a half-million people live in areas along the border that Israeli forces warned would be theaters for fighting, according to Mkhaimar Abusada, a political science professor at Al-Azhar University in Gaza City. That's too many to take refuge with family or friends elsewhere in Gaza, he said — and no part of Gaza is really safe.

"It was bombing all night long," Abusada said, adding that it was a "very terrible day yesterday and last night" in his relatively upscale neighborhood of Rimal on Gaza's western edge.

Conditions in Gaza, already difficult, are becoming dire. After the Israeli government cut electricity to the area on Saturday night in retaliation for the Hamas attack, Gazans have been relying on the local power station, which produces only enough for a few hours of electricity per day, Abusada said.

"We are preparing for the worst. We know that there will be very tough days ahead of us," Abusada said. "But we have been in those circumstances many times in the past 16 years since Hamas has taken over the Gaza Strip. And in the end, it hasn't deterred Hamas, it hasn't stopped Hamas or the Palestinian resistance from fighting Israel."

The fighting has begun to have ripple effects across the region.

In Alexandria, Egypt, two Israeli tourists and their Egyptian guide were shot and killed, Israel's Foreign Ministry said, blaming the attack on a "local individual." A third Israeli national was hurt in the shooting and was "in moderate condition," the ministry added.

Egyptian media outlets reported that the gunman was an Egyptian policeman, who shot the group as they toured Pompey's Pillar, an ancient Roman site. State-owned newspaper Al-Ahram said that the man was in custody and is under investigation.

Egypt has engaged in a flurry of diplomacy since the Hamas attack began, with top officials speaking with counterparts in Europe and the United States in an effort to again position the country as a mediator between Israel and Palestinian factions. Cairo has successfully brokered cease-fires during past bouts of fighting.

The shooting in Alexandria served as an awkward reminder to Egyptian officials of strong anti-Israel sentiment among Arab populations, including their own.

Beyond the Middle East, Germany is evaluating its support for Palestinian projects after the Hamas-led incursion, according to Development Minister Svenja Schulze. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said he will discuss the situation with Western and Middle Eastern leaders Sunday.

Hamas leaders said Saturday's operation came in response to provocative moves by Israelis, including the storming of the al-Aqsa Mosque complex in East Jerusalem — a site known to Jews as the Temple Mount — by ultranationalist Israeli settlers.

Leaders in Israel's far-right government have pushed for a greater Jewish presence at the site, which holds religious significance for Jews, Muslims and Christians. It has long been a flash point in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict over Jerusalem, and a symbol of the Palestinian struggle for self-determination.

The events of the weekend come in the context of 75 years of Israeli occupation of the Palestinians. For Palestinians and supporters across the Middle East who poured into the streets in Tehran; Beirut; Istanbul and Sanaa, Yemen, to celebrate the Hamas attack, the violence was a response to decades of Israeli restrictions, harassment and violence against Palestinians living under Israeli control.

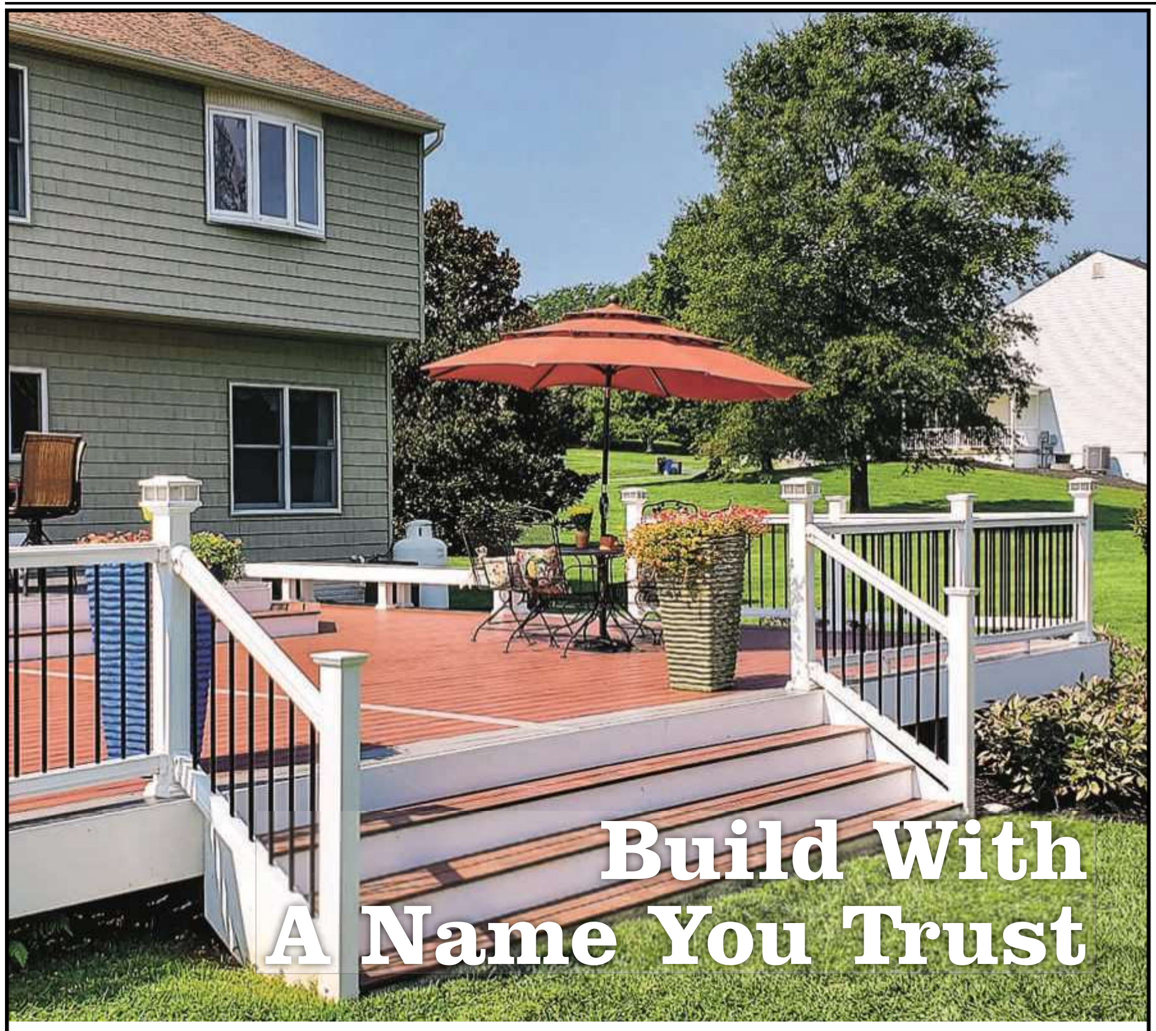
This sentiment raises pressure on groups such as Hezbollah that have largely stayed out of the fray of recent attacks from Lebanon into Israel by Palestinian militants, seeking to avoid an escalation with Israel.

But the volley of rockets, along with fiery comments from group leaders Sunday, indicated that Hezbollah does not intend to remain on the sidelines.

Mohanad Hage Ali, a Beirut-based fellow with the Carnegie Middle East Center, said it would be difficult for Hezbollah to appear disengaged from the current conflict in Gaza, especially after Lebanon's capital, Beirut, has taken in members of Hamas's key leadership lately.

"When the impact on Israel is as big [as today's], it makes less sense to be risk-averse and compartmentalize things," he said. "I think this attack reshuffles the cards, big time."

Dadouch reported from Beirut, Parker from Cairo and Rubin from Brussels. Loveday Morris in Berlin, Jintak Han in Seoul, Naomi Schanen and Annabelle Timsit in London, Mariana Alfaro, Dan Gilbert and John Hudson in Washington and Noga Tarnopolsky in Jerusalem contributed to this report.



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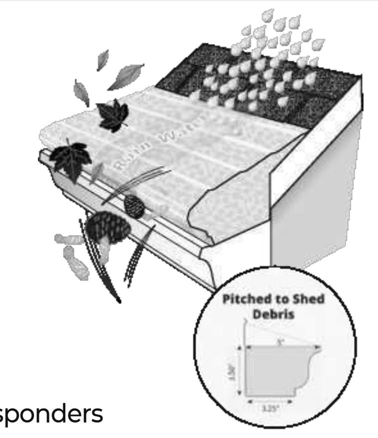

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Israel Defense Forces troops patrol on Sunday the site of a trance music festival near Kibbutz Reim, one of the first targets for Hamas militants as they launched their unprecedented attack on Israel in the early hours of Saturday morning.

At least 260 reportedly killed at music festival site

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"We started running; we didn't know where to go," Ben Haim said. "Nobody knew what to do."

The Tribe of Nova trance music festival, near Kibbutz Reim, was one of the first targets for Hamas militants as they launched their unprecedented attack on Israel in the early hours of Saturday morning, overrunning the concert area, shooting into the crowd and grabbing as many hostages as they could. Festivalgoers described how the gunmen blocked roads, ambushed escaping cars and scoured the area looking for people to kidnap.

At least 260 bodies were recovered from the concert site Sunday, according to ZAKA, a volunteer emergency response group in Israel. Across the country, at least 700 people have been killed. Dozens are still missing, according to the Israel Defense Forces; Israeli media has put the figure at more than 100. Hamas says hostages are being held in tunnels and other secure locations in Gaza.

It remains unclear how many of them were taken from the festival. Survivors have been inundated with messages from people who are still looking for their loved ones.

The festival's organizers have not responded to requests for comment but posted a message on Instagram saying they were "stunned" and "share the grief of the missing and murdered families."

"We hope and pray that good news will reach us and you soon," the post said.

At the site of the rave Sunday, Israeli soldiers put bodies in the back of a large refrigerated truck parked next to hundreds of abandoned cars. In one clearing, the shells of burned vehicles sat beside discarded tents, camping mats and coolers.

Relatives searching for the missing at a nearby intersection said more than a thousand people were at the event when the militants attacked. Some festivalgoers estimated the true figure was closer to 3,000 or 4,000.

The attendees had not been given the exact location of the festival until a few hours before it began at 10 p.m. Friday. "The event will take place in a powerful natural location full of trees, stunning in its beauty and organized for your convenience, about an hour and a quarter south of Tel Aviv," ticket buyers were told in the lead-up.

The festival was held just three miles from the fence that divides Israel from the Gaza Strip and its besieged millions. The ravers were told not to bring firearms or sharp objects onto the festival grounds. They were tired and defenseless when the attack began, trapped in a wide-open area that offered few hiding places.

Ben Haim saw the militants in the distance, closing in on foot. "I took the car keys from a friend of mine that was really wasted and got as many people in the car as possible and started driving like crazy," she said. "The people who stayed, most of them got kidnapped or murdered."

Cars were being shot at on the roads and there were gunmen everywhere, she said.

31-year-old Gal Raz also tried to drive away with his friends when he realized the area was overrun.

"We heard shots. There were cars with corpses on top of them that blocked the road," he said. "We couldn't get out."

They got in another friend's car but were quickly ambushed.

"There were about seven to eight terrorists, and they started to shoot at us in our car," he said.

They drove on for a few hundred meters and then abandoned the car, running past another with several dead bodies next to it. As he hid, Raz thought about his girlfriend, who he is planning to marry, and about his family.

"It's clear that there was a failure here," he said. "Now we need to get these people back who are missing. And to tell these people's stories."

Ben Haim and her friends had also jumped out of their car and were running through the fields.

"Every direction we ran we had more people shooting at us; we were running for two hours trying to escape. We started crawling in bushes. Eventually I realized I couldn't run anymore."

She and two friends and a stranger lay down in a bush and covered themselves with leaves.

"We stayed silent and tried to reach the police. The police said they can't help us because too many people were kidnapped."

After seven hours, with her phone battery at 2 percent, Ben Haim was picked up by a local resident who was driving around trying to rescue people. Raz was eventually picked up by the military.

Help didn't arrive in time for Noa Argamani, 25, who was hiding in the bushes with her boyfriend, Avinatan Or. Or messaged Argamani's father around 10 a.m. to let him know they were safe.

The couple were trying to reassure him, said Shlomit Marciano, 25, a childhood friend of Argamani's. It was the last message the family received.

On Saturday, they saw the couple in a video circulating on Palestinian social media. It shows Argamani screaming as she is separated from her boyfriend and driven off on a motorcycle. Or appears to have his hands bound and is pushed along by several young men.

The Post wasn't able to independently confirm the location of the video, but the geography and sunlight are consistent with other visuals from the scene.

"You can absolutely see it was her," said Marciano, who is staying with Argamani's parents. "I think I haven't fully accepted it yet; I slept in her bed last night. It's crazy."

Argamani had debated not going to the festival, but not because of security concerns. "If she knew it was tense right now, then I think she wouldn't have gone, but we knew nothing," Marciano said. "She wasn't sure because it was far and expensive. I told her, 'Go; you're young.' I regret that."

A later video appears to show Argamani being held captive, sitting on cushions in a room with a tiled floor, sipping from a bottle of water. "At least we know she's alive," Marciano said.

Others don't have that assurance.

Tali Atias believes that her 23-year-old daughter, Dorin, who she last heard from shortly before 7 a.m. Saturday, might be among the hostages. Dorin told her mother the area was under attack and she was looking for shelter.

Atias has posted on social media and called her daughter's friends to try to find out what happened to her, to no avail. "We don't know what's going on" or "what to do," she said.

The family of Shani Louk feel similarly helpless. The 22-year-old posed for a mirror selfie just before parting for the rave, her long dreadlocks partially covered by a headscarf, looking coyly to the side, eyelids flecked with eyeliner.

"She loved to party," said her cousin Tom Weintraub Louk, 30. Family members desperately tried reaching Louk and her Mexican boyfriend when the news broke.

Then they saw the video posted online.

"We recognized her by the tattoos, and she has long dreadlocks," Louk's cousin said.

In the video, the woman is facedown in the bed of the truck with four militants, apparently being paraded through Gaza. One holds her hair while another raises a gun in the air and shouts, "Allahu akbar!" A crowd follows the truck cheering. A boy spits in her hair.

While her cousin appears lifeless, the family is still holding out for news. "We have some kind of hope," Louk's cousin said.

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In southern Israel, residents and troops remain on edge as clashes continue

BY SUSANNAH GEORGE

BE'ERI, ISRAEL — Columns of tanks and artillery rolled down highways in southern Israel on Sunday, past dead bodies and the charred wreckage of burned vehicles. In dusty fields and orchards, other forces fanned out to search for militants on foot.

One unit patrolling a dirt road near Re'im stopped two young men at a distance, yelling for them to strip down and show they weren't carrying weapons or explosives.

The men stood still in the clearing, their hands above their heads. A group of Israel soldiers approached, searching them one by one and zip-tying their hands behind their back.

"There's movement in the trees!" Another soldier called out from a nearby ridge line before releasing a bust of gunfire. "Clear!"

Nearly two full days after Palestinian militants marauded through communities in southern Israel, residents here and the troops deployed to protect them remain on edge. Clashes between militants and Israeli forces continued into the night Sunday, even as authorities sought to reassure the public that the worst of the danger had passed. With more than 700 confirmed dead, Israel is a nation in shock, even as it masses forces along the border with Gaza and prepares for war.

The scale of the attacks has left many families desperately seeking information about their loved ones. Distraught relatives of the missing are gathering outside community centers, beside checkpoints and near the entrances to towns still under attack, hoping to speak to a soldier or an official — anyone who might know something.

Neora Swid last saw her husband when he left to help defend a neighboring village along the border with Gaza after it was breached by militants. He was receiving voice messages from people screaming "come on we're injured," she said. "I gave him a peck on the cheek and told him to text me when he got there."

She knew what he was doing was dangerous, she said, but she had no idea what he was walking into. A few hours later, he stopped replying to her messages.

Like others, she has been calling around to hospitals, only to be told the facilities are overwhelmed with unidentified bodies.

"It's really unlike Israel," she said. "Usually they are on top of everything. Now it's like chaos."

A man named Zhaki was searching for his missing niece in the town of Be'eri. He had called people he knows in the military "to check against the lists they have of the kidnapped and the dead, but her name isn't on any of them," he said, sitting with other relatives on the outskirts of the town as civilians were escorted out.

"So many people are in the same position," he said, only giving his first name to protect his family's privacy.

Aharon Sabag, 26, was at the trance music festival when it was attacked by Hamas gunmen early Saturday. He hasn't been able to find three of his friends who were there with him. His group was separated when the shooting began; he walked for hours through the desert to get to safety.

He had started to leave the party when he heard the volley of rocket fire, he recalled, but he wasn't scared at that point.

"It's normal for us in this area," he said, "I thought we have the Iron Dome, they are just rockets, everything will be fine." But as he walked up to his car, a woman ran toward him screaming. Terrorists were attacking partygoers, she said.

"I said 'What terrorists? There's a fence that cost billions of dollars, there are cameras, there's no way terrorists got in here,'" he told her. He thought she was crazy, he said. Then, as he began to drive away, he heard the shots. Up ahead, gunmen were blocking the road, firing into the lines of cars trying to leave the camp site.

"I don't even remember seeing anything after that," Sabag said. "I just ran."

In the town of Sderot, armored bulldozers cleared debris from the front of a destroyed police station that had been the scene of a fierce battle the day before.

After militants took control of the building, Israeli troops fired rockets into the complex, according to residents who watched the fight from nearby apartment blocks.

"It was like a video game, like Grand Theft Auto," said Shimon Dadiya, who was at home when the attack began. "No one can believe how this happened."

Dadiya said he expects anger over the government response will grow as the shock wears off. He blames intelligence lapses for allowing the complex plot to moving forward.

"They had to have so much information before the attack," he said of Israel's security forces. He simply couldn't understand, he said, how no one saw it coming.

In the town of Ashkelon, a group of men at a sandwich shop watched the news on television and shook their heads.

"I'm angry at the government, the government should have taken care of Hamas the last time we were in Gaza," Solino Sabann said. As he spoke, sirens began to wail, warning of more incoming rockets.

"This time in Gaza, we won't stop attacking until it's finished," he said.

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A tank rolls toward the border with Gaza near the town of Netivot in southern Israel, where more than 700 people have been killed.

Musk boosts unvetted accounts on X as false war information spreads

BY JOSEPH MENN

As false information about the rapidly changing war between Gaza Strip militants and Israel proliferated on the social media platform X over the weekend, owner Elon Musk personally recommended that users follow accounts notorious for promoting lies.

"For following the war in real-time, @WarMonitors & @sentdefender are good," Musk posted on the platform formerly called Twitter on Sunday morning to 150 million follower accounts. That post was viewed 11 million times in three hours, drawing thanks from those two accounts, before Musk deleted it.

Both were among the most important early spreaders of a false claim in May that there had been an explosion near the White House. The Dow Jones Industrial Average stock index briefly dropped 85 points before that story was debunked.

Emerson T. Brooking, a researcher at the Atlantic Council Digital Forensics Research Lab, posted that @sentdefender is an "absolutely poisonous account. regularly posting wrong and unverifiable things … inserting random editorialization and trying to juice its paid subscriber count."

The War Monitor account has argued with others over Israel and religion, posting a year ago that "the overwhelming majority of people in the media and banks are zionists" and telling a correspondent in June to "go worship a jew lil bro."

Information researchers said that the new conflict was an early test of how the revamped X conveys accurate data during a major crisis, and that the immediate impression was poor.

"Anecdotal evidence that X is failing this stress test is plentiful," said Mike Caulfield, a research scientist at the University of Washington's Center for an Informed Public. "Go on the platform, do a search on Israel or Gaza — you don't have to scroll very far to find dubious or debunked information."

Musk left up his replies to the two accounts he had promoted, each of which have more than 600,000 followers, boosting their visibility. He also continued to fault "mainstream media," telling users to trust X instead.

Other accounts on X drew engagement with photos or videos of unrelated attacks from years earlier and false claims that Iran or others had entered the conflict.

An account imitating the Jerusalem Post falsely reported that the Israeli prime minister had been taken to the hospital, collecting more than 700,000 views.

Numerous accounts promoted a faked document saying that the White House had approved $8 billion in aid to Israel. Others posted video of buildings collapsing in Syria in the past and said they were in Gaza.

Spokespeople for X did not return emails seeking comment.

X and other real-time sources of information are especially subject to rumors, false claims and propaganda during major events.

Researchers have said that X has gotten much less reliable since Musk took control nearly a year ago. He ended the practice of awarding "verified" checks to established media accounts, stopped labeling some accounts as government-affiliated and began sending money to accounts drawing heavy engagement, rewarding views instead of accuracy.

A recent study published by the European Commission concluded that Russian propaganda about its war in Ukraine has reached more people on X this year than it did last year.

"People who have paid for blue checks have a financial incentive to LARP [live action role-play] as war reporters by dredging up old stories or fake footage," Brooking wrote. "Elon Musk enables this."

Last week, Musk said he would change the way articles are shared by removing the headlines and promoting only pictures, which experts said would decrease traffic to news sites.

Musk also has been contributing to a broader legal and political campaign that has succeeded in quieting some academics and research groups who track misinformation by accusing them of fostering unconstitutional censorship.

Biden administration officials did not respond immediately to questions about whether it was working with social media companies to identify misinformation. The U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, which is among the government agencies being targeted by Musk and some Republicans, referred questions to the State Department, which monitors foreign disinformation.

Officials there did not respond to a query. The White House also did not respond to emails.

Residents of Gaza reel from Israeli airstrikes and brace for an all-out war

BY HAZEM BALOUSHA, LOAY AYYOUB, CLAIRE PARKER AND SARAH DADOUCH

GAZA CITY — Gazans passed a fearful night Saturday and awoke to more violence Sunday, as Israeli airstrikes pummeled Hamas targets and residential neighborhoods.

"It was bombing all night long," said Mkhaimar Abusada, a political science professor at Al-Azhar University in Gaza.

Rimal, his relatively upscale neighborhood on Gaza's western edge, saw a relentless barrage overnight, as Israeli forces pounded militant security compounds, he said.

"But the Israelis are not only bombing governmental or security buildings," Abusada said. "They also went after some residential towers and buildings."

The Israeli military says it has hit more than 500 sites across Gaza over the past two days. More than 400 people have been killed, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry, including 78 children.

The death toll in Israel after Saturday's rampage by Palestinian militants has soared to 600, most of them civilians. More than 100 hostages, both civilians and soldiers, are being held by militants in the Gaza Strip, according to Israeli media reports. After Israel's cabinet approved a formal declaration of war Sunday, Gazans braced for intensified strikes and the possibility of a land invasion.

"To all civilians in Gaza, I say, get out of there," Netanyahu said in a speech late Saturday. But there is no way out for the 2 million people here, who have lived for more than 15 years under a sea, land and air blockade — imposed by Israel and backed by Egypt after Hamas seized power in 2007.

Eight in 10 Gazans live in poverty, according to the United Nations, and 95 percent of the population lacks regular access to clean water. Even before the latest violence, Gazans had already endured four wars between Israel and Hamas, and a string of deadly exchanges in recent years between Israeli forces and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, a smaller militant group in the strip.

COGAT — the Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories, the Israeli administrative body for the West Bank and Gaza — echoed Netanyahu's warning Saturday night, telling residents of communities bordering southern Israel to evacuate, saying the zone would be an area of operation for the Israeli army.

Khalil al-Ayyash lived with his wife and four children in the Palestine Tower, in central Gaza, which was leveled by Israeli airstrikes on Saturday. They were sheltering with neighbors when the rockets hit.

"The moment of the strike was very, very horrible," he said. "We were afraid for the kids, afraid for our wives, afraid for ourselves."

Ayyash said he had obeyed Israeli instructions to hunker down in the center of the city, "thinking this is our area and our stores and livelihoods are here." But nowhere felt safe now: "The [Palestine] Tower did not emerge unscathed, nor did the humans in the center of the city, nor did the outskirts of the city," he said.

After his family made it out alive, Ayyash said he called emergency services to evacuate the wounded. 2,300 Gazans have been injured, the Palestinian Health Ministry said Sunday, and medical facilities are stretched thin.

"Hospitals are overcrowded with injured people; there is a shortage of drugs . . . and a shortage of fuel for generators," said Ayman al-Djaroucha, the deputy coordinator for Doctors Without Borders in Gaza.

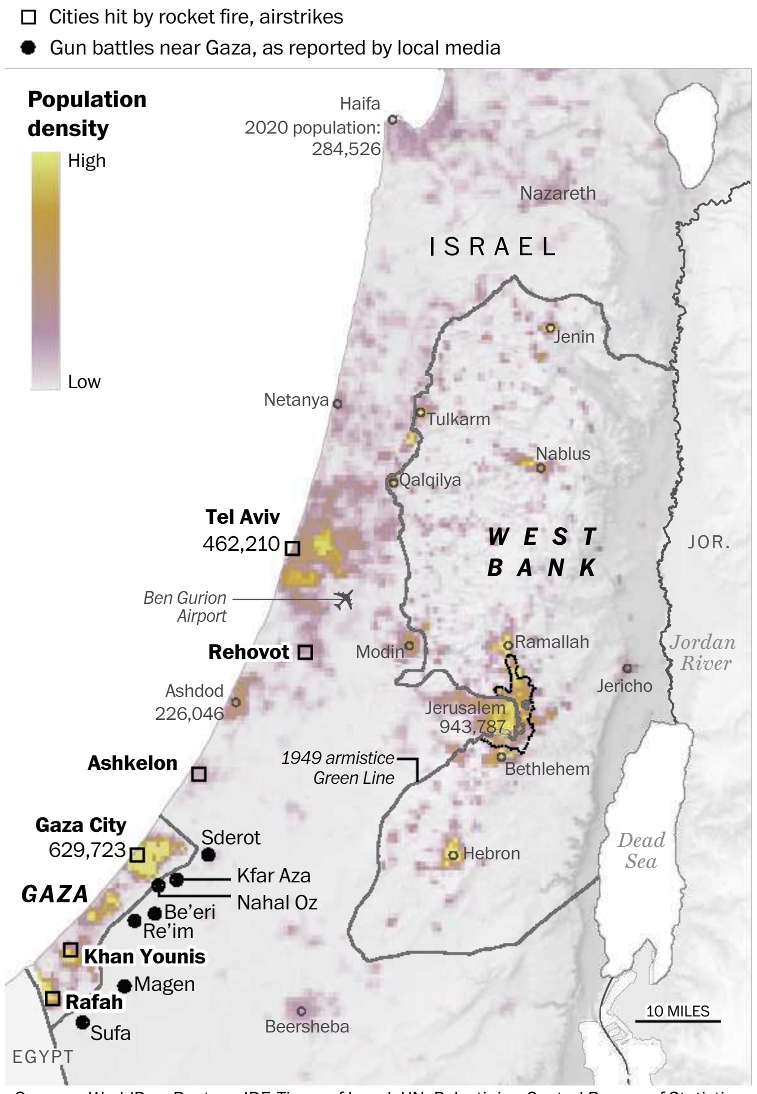
Darwin Diaz, the organization's medical coordinator in Gaza, added that health workers were struggling to reach the wounded. "Ambulances can't be used right now because they're being hit by airstrikes," he said.

The Israeli government cut electricity to the Gaza Strip on Saturday night, leaving families reliant on the local power station, which only produces enough for several hours of electricity each day. Some areas had no power at all. The fuel for generators all comes from Israel, and was already in short supply.

"We rely on private generators and local batteries or house batteries to try to at least turn on the TV, keep the router going, the internet going," Abusada said. "But if this situation goes on for a long time, we're going to have a very serious problem with water, with the sewage system, because all of that is running through electricity."

Roughly a half-million Gazans live along the Israeli border, Abusada said — too many to be taken in by relatives and friends in other parts of the strip.

Many are seeking refuge at schools run by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), the U.N. body charged with supporting Palestinians.



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ABOVE: A Palestinian family flees from northern Gaza to a safe place in the central Gaza Strip. LEFT: A man sits near the rubble of his home in the Watan Tower, which was destroyed by Israeli airstrikes.

By early evening Saturday, more than 20,000 internally displaced people, some carrying mattresses and other belongings, were sheltering at UNRWA schools in Gaza, the agency said.

Water wells had stopped operating at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, UNRWA said, and the agency's food distribution operations were on hold "until further notice."

Arf Abu Leila, a mother from northern Gaza, was at a school with her young son, who slept in front of her on a desk.

"As you see, there's no blanket, no mattress, no food, no drink, nothing," she said.

"We want to return to where we were in the first place. We want peace," she continued, glancing down at her child. "We don't want anything to happen to our little ones. We don't want anything to happen to our young men."

Parker reported from Cairo and Dadouch from Beirut.

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Biden administration rushes to deter wider Mideast conflict

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effort tamp down the possibility of more attacks on Israel. Hezbollah, the Iran-backed militant group and Lebanon's largest political party, has a history of attacking Israel when Jerusalem is engaged in hostilities with Hamas.

"No one elsewhere should try to take advantage of this situation," Blinken told CNN on Sunday. "It's something we're watching very carefully."

The nascent war has dealt a blow to what would have been one of Biden's signature foreign policy achievements, a bid to get Saudi Arabia to recognize Israel. The Saudis have predicated that deal on Israel making concessions to Palestinians — potentially pulling back settlements or increasing medical and financial assistance — but a broad-based Israeli military assault on the Gaza Strip is unlikely to further that cause, policymakers said.

For now, the Biden administration has paused the Saudi initiative, concentrating its diplomatic outreach on getting Israel's neighbors to stand aside as Jerusalem tries to dismantle Hamas.

Blinken and other top diplomats on Sunday worked the phones, calling officials across the region to pass messages to Hezbollah telling the group not to attack Israel. The deployment of the USS Gerald R. Ford aircraft carrier strike group to the eastern Mediterranean was also intended to send a deterrent message to the Lebanese militant and political force, according to a senior administration official who, like others, spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive security calculations.

Asked whether Hamas may have acted in partnership with Iran to disrupt the effort to broker a Saudi deal, Blinken said "that could have been part of the motivation. Look, who opposes normalization? Hamas, Hezbollah, Iran."

But, he said, "we have not yet seen evidence that Iran directed or was behind this particular attack."

Washington's direct military assistance for Israel is expected to backfill the munitions that Israel will draw down as it fights Hamas, as well as provide an additional deterrent against Hezbollah, Iran and others who might be tempted to strike Israel, the official said.

Israel's request for Iron Dome interceptors — ground-to-air missiles that target incoming rockets — is a precautionary step in anticipation of future bombardments and not an indication that it is running low on a missile defense tool that has been key to shielding Israeli citizens from incoming fire, U.S. officials said.

Netanyahu and other senior Israeli officials have had a raw tone in their conversations with American counterparts this weekend, clearly shaken by an assault that, proportionally to their country's population, is a bigger blow than the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, in the United States, the senior administration official said.

In a call with Netanyahu on Sunday, Biden "pledged his full support for the Government and people of Israel in the face of an unprecedented and appalling assault by Hamas terrorists," the White House said in a statement. "The leaders also discussed ongoing efforts to ensure that no enemies of Israel believe they can or should seek advantage from the current situation," the statement added.

The U.S. government "will be rapidly providing the Israel Defense Forces with additional equipment and resources, including munitions. The first security assistance will begin moving today and arriving in the coming days," Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said Sunday in a statement.

The USS Gerald R. Ford aircraft carrier — the U.S. Navy's newest and most advanced platform — along with an accompanying strike group is being sent to the region. The U.S. Air Force will also deploy a significant contingent, Austin said. Combined, the deployments will involve thousands of military personnel.

Beyond the Iron Dome missiles, Israeli officials have made several specific requests to Washington in response to the military offensive by Hamas, including small diameter bombs, ammunition for machine guns and heightened cooperation on intelligence-sharing, according to officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss ongoing operations. Some of Israel's military requests, including those for small diameter bombs, were being processed and expedited, said one official.

A spokeswoman for the Israeli Embassy in Washington declined to comment on the request. "We do not comment on the army needs that are discussed with the U.S.," she said.

The Biden administration is also expected to add money for the Israeli government in a funding request to Congress on top of additional military support for Ukraine, said the officials.

The administration is still sorting out the legal implications of the absence of a House speaker, an unprecedented situation that may be a barrier to congressional authorization for aid, one official said.

There was widespread — but not total — agreement at a closed-door session of the United Nations Security Council on Sunday afternoon over how the blame should be spread for the current crisis.

"There were a good number of countries that condemned the Hamas attacks," Robert Wood, the alternate U.S. representative, told reporters as he left the meeting. "But obviously, not all."

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Israel's Iron Dome takes action to intercept a rocket, fired from the Gaza Strip, over the city of Netivot in southern Israel. The United States focused its diplomatic outreach Sunday on getting Israel's neighbors to stand aside as Israel tries to dismantle Hamas.

While there was widespread horror at the attacks — and particularly the military and civilian hostages being held by Hamas — others emphasized concern about Palestinian civilians, the need for a "proportionate" Israeli response and the lack of progress in resolving the underlying Israel-Palestinian conflict.

Speaking separately to reporters before the meeting, both Israeli Ambassador to the U.N. Gilad Erdan and Riyad Mansour, representative of the Palestinian Authority's U.N. observer mission, were far less judicious in their remarks.

Erdan, showing photos and videos of dead Israelis and civilians being dragged away to Gaza, compared the attacks to the "pogroms" and "Nazi death squads in the 1940s." He said Israel wanted full condemnation of Hamas, but would forge its own path regardless.

"Today, many members of the international community are supporting us. Yes. But if history has taught us anything, we know that tomorrow that may not be the case," Erdan said. Terror against Israelis "quickly becomes a side note. But this time it will not be the same. We will not let the world forget."

Mansour was equally critical of the international body, but from the opposite perspective.

"This is not the time to let Israel double down on its terror choices," he said. "We know only too well that the messages about Israel's right to defend itself will be interpreted by Israel as a license to kill, to pursue on the very path that led us here."

As Israeli forces prepare for a Gaza incursion, the government requested heightened cooperation with the United States and its wide-ranging surveillance powers.

Israeli intelligence efforts — once thought to be omnipresent in Gaza — have been in the spotlight following the failure to spot the Hamas incursion.

It's "unbelievable, intolerable." said Yigal Unna, a former senior official in Shin Bet, Israel's internal security service, as well as a former officer with the Israeli military's famed Unit 8200 hacking and espionage arm.

Even worse was the operational failure by the military "because you would expect that Israel's most sensitive and dangerous border would be defended better than that," Unna added.

The fact that it was a holiday is not an excuse, he said. "This is the most dangerous front line of Israel and we spent billions on technology," that, for instance, allowed Israel to detect underground tunnels. For it to have been so poorly defended is "unconscionable."

Shin Bet and Israel's military intelligence corps have Gaza blanketed with surveillance, through human spies, sensors and other technical means including intercepts, cameras and drones.

Intelligence services may have mistaken Hamas movements for exercises, echoing a similar mistake in the 1973 Yom Kippur War, when Israel misread the initial steps of an invasion by Syria in the north and Egypt in the south as a practice defensive deployment.

"Hamas exercises all the time," said Unna, who is currently with Reichman University's International Institute for Counter-Terrorism. "They do exercises of invading settlements. They train. We watch it. It was only exercising. Yesterday it became reality."

Stephen Slick, a former CIA station chief in Tel Aviv who now directs the intelligence studies project at the University of Texas at Austin, said that given the scale and variety of the Hamas attacks, "it is highly unlikely that the planning, training and positioning of this number of fighters would have escaped Israel's collection systems. It's more likely that relevant information was not processed or evaluated correctly or recognized as an indicator of hostilities."

Hamas leaders and military commanders appear also to have exercised "extraordinary operational security and communications discipline," Slick said. "Hamas will have learned from the multiple previous instances where its rocket attacks on Israel prompted an immediate Israeli military response that was informed by voluminous intelligence on the location of their weapons, leaders and fighters."

Norman Roule, a veteran CIA officer who managed several Middle East programs for the intelligence community, said it appears that Hamas leaders "dramatically altered their modus operandi" to keep their plotting and training secret. Like Unna, he noted that the surprise attack was aided by the lack of a timely response by Israeli security forces.

Slick noted that Shin Bet and the Directorate of Military Intelligence have in recent years "achieved extraordinary levels of awareness of developments in Gaza including the activities of Hamas and the smaller Islamic Jihad group."

After Israel's withdrawal from Gaza in 2005, the government prioritized an increase in intelligence and surveillance capacity to ensure that extremists who ultimately took control there would not threaten southern Israel, he said. "It's possible that Israeli officials become complacent."

On the diplomatic front, the attacks and Israeli military response "will complicate but need not derail" the Saudi-Israeli normalization talks, Slick said.

"Israel remains committed to the relationship, while the Saudi resolve will be tested by the foreseeable criticism that will accompany Israel's military actions in Gaza," he said.

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Attacks evoke solidarity among U.S. Jews, but some predict widened fissures

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were so violent, graphic and surprising that they stunned the American Jewish psyche, ideologically as well as emotionally. Increasingly divided in recent years about Israel's right-wing leaders, many American Jews found themselves this weekend tapping into a vein of solidarity.

"I think that up until two days ago the conversation in the U.S. and among many American Jews was: 'How do we engage because of concern about the future of Israel and where some of the policies are going?' I believe that for the next several months that will no longer be a significant topic," said Gil Preuss, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington. "In a month the conversation may be very different."

But while some immediately felt a setting-aside of the usual deep differences about Israel among America's 7 million to 8 million Jews, others braced for the exact opposite. Especially among the most liberal U.S. Jews — and 71 percent identify as Democratic-leaning, according to Pew Research Center — some already saw fissures over how the attacks would be understood. And pain.

Havi Carrillo-Klein, 23, who leads groups to the region to work on the overlap between conflict there and other systems of oppression, said the Hamas attacks are a "catalyst" for a greater divide. That's because, she said, they tap into an already wide rift among U.S. Jews over whether Jews and Israel should primarily be seen today as holders of power and privilege or instead as disenfranchised and threatened. The complexity of the current situation, she said, seems destined to be divisive.

"When a progressive Jew mourns the harm on Israeli families, mourns this terrorist attack, I fear I'm not nodding to the historical context [of Israeli occupation of Palestinian land]. But if I do nod to the historical context, I fear I'll be seen as justifying a terrorist attack, which I could never, ever do," said Carrillo-Klein, who lives in Cleveland. "Progressive Jews feel broken. And this will only plummet us into much deeper polarization."

Jewish communities faced not just political but also spiritual decisions this weekend, as the war erupted on a holiday that is all about joy. Simhat Torah, which marks the end and start of the holy book's annual cycle, literally means "the celebration of the Torah," and it is normally a time when Jews dance into the night carrying sacred scrolls. Different Jewish groups celebrate on slightly different dates, but most American Jews marked it Saturday or Sunday.

In Brooklyn's Grand Army Plaza, Timoner's Beth Elohim and 20 other congregations first debated canceling the commemoration of the holy day and then decided to reform it. To walk slowly in circles instead of dancing. To sing the same songs, but with somber, reflective music and prayer. Beth El Hebrew in Alexandria canceled its planned festive block party and shifted to a quieter lunch and craft event focused on Israel, where attendees sang the Israeli national anthem. Still other Jewish communities felt strongly about commemorating Simhat Torah in the traditional way.

Some significant polling of U.S. Jews shows a deep but changing relationship between U.S. Jews and Israel. In 2021, 8 in 10 U.S. Jews told Pew that caring about Israel is an essential or important part of what being Jewish means to them. However, that percentage is 71 for Jews 18 to 29 years old, compared with 87 percent among people ages 50 to 64.

Being a Jewish holiday, Sunday was relatively quiet in public conversations. Most Orthodox Jews don't use technology on the sabbath and other holidays. There were multiple small rallies around the country, including at synagogues, outside the Israeli Embassy in D.C. and in New York City's Times Square, where a few hundred people turned out for a Democratic Socialists of America event Sunday to support Palestinian liberation. They waved Palestinian flags and chanted "Resistance is justified." On Saturday, New York Gov. Kathy Hochul (D) condemned the rally before it was held.

IfNotNow, a prominent Jewish group focused on ending Israel's occupation of Palestinian land, said it watched the "unfolding horrors with heartbreak and dread" for Israelis and Palestinians.

"We cannot and will not say today's actions by Palestinian militants are unprovoked," it said Saturday. "We absolutely condemn the killing of innocent civilians. . . . Their blood is on the hands" of the Israeli, U.S. and other governments "who have turned a blind eye to decades of Palestinian oppression."

While Orthodox Jews tend to be more unconditionally supportive of and connected to Israel, there has still been division among them over issues including the handling of the Palestinian conflict and the current right-wing government's efforts to reduce the independence of the Israeli Supreme Court. While U.S. Jewish liturgy generally almost always includes prayers for the state of Israel, many Hebrew schools and rabbi sermons avoid contemporary details when they address the topic.

In Overland Park, Kan., where a neo-Nazi sympathizer shot and killed three people at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City and a nearby Jewish retirement community in 2014, Rabbi Stephanie Kramer said leaders at her Temple Congregation B'nai Jehudah made the decision to discuss the rising conflict with even some of the younger children during Hebrew school services Sunday. They wanted to meet the issue head-on, she said at the synagogue, but in an age-appropriate way.

"The images coming out are very scary," she told The Post. "I don't want to tell them that children and elderly are being kidnapped."

Kramer then had an impromptu exchange with fourth-grade classmates of her daughter who were sitting on beanbag chairs in the synagogue's "Israel room," a small room wallpapered in pictures of Israel. The room was designed to be an "immersive space" for contemplation and learning about the country.

"There is fighting that has broken out in Israel. People from a neighboring place called Gaza came in without any warning and they're trying to start a conflict, and Israel is going to have to fight back," Kramer explained.

The children peppered her with questions. Why were the Palestinians unhappy? Were regular Israelis hiding in bunkers? Did they have enough food and water?

"Maybe if they could talk it out they could give them a little bit of land," one student said.

At the end of the exchange, Kramer told the children to speak to their parents if they wanted to know more, and reminded them: "Remember, it's happening pretty far away from us, but we care a lot, right?"

Michelle Adler-Wexler, an Overland Park resident and employee of the synagogue, said she was trying to help her teenage daughter navigate the conflict on social media. Madison, a high-schooler, had posted a note of support for Israel on Instagram, which quickly spread among her friend group. Another teen responded with an emoji of the Palestinian flag.

The schoolmate asked, "Why would you support Israel?" Adler-Wexler recounted.

Rabbi Mark Dratch, executive vice president of the Rabbinical Council of America — one of the world's largest groups of Orthodox rabbis — said a period that had been complex for many U.S. Jews seemed simpler at present.

"Whatever our differences may be politically [in the Orthodox communities], when it comes to the very survival of Israel and the safety of its people, we're all united; everything else is pushed aside immediately. Israel is a big, dysfunctional family, and in a time of crisis everyone rallies around," Dratch said.

In the months and years after Israel's other wars, he said, there were eventually "major political ramifications" and changed alliances among Jews in some cases. "It's much too soon to predict anything."

At present, he said, there is a feeling of unity similar to what he experienced after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"I think it's a watershed in Israeli history in terms of the relationship between U.S. Jews and Israel," he said. "That sense of vulnerability."

In a way, Kiyomi Kowalski identifies with that.

Kowalski, who works with progressive activists on how to confront antisemitism on the left, said she had gotten out of the Marine Corps just four days before the 9/11 attacks, and "I remember really loathing George W. Bush." But after the terrorist attacks, there was a more basic national feeling of coming together.

"Before that, I would have never said: 'Oh, I feel comforted by my Republican neighbor.' But then I was," said Kowalski, who lives in Los Angeles. That feeling of unity can be "beautiful," she said — but it depends on how it's meted out.

"It changes the dialogue for a while because we won't be talking about [the Israeli-Palestinian conflict] in a nuanced way," she said.

Rabbi Rick Jacobs, leader of Reform Judaism, the largest denomination of Judaism, said the image of Jews being terrorized and murdered "does tap into a very different part of the American Jewish psyche." A deep, ancient part, he said.

"I don't think [the Hamas attacks] threaten the immediate existence of Israel, but it did tap into the reality that even with Israel's strength, it's vulnerable. . . . We all have those narratives. These are not just people of one political tribe who are in harm's way. Everyone is in harm's way."

After western Afghanistan earthquakes, Taliban says more than 2,400 dead

BY RICK NOACK AND HAQ NAWAZ KHAN

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN — One day after powerful earthquakes struck western Afghanistan, government officials estimated Sunday that more than 2,400 people were killed and thousands injured.

"Many are still trapped," said Janan Saiq, a spokesman for the Taliban-run Disaster Management Ministry who announced the toll. Several villages have "completely perished," Saiq said, as the full extent of one of the deadliest natural disasters in Afghanistan in decades became increasingly clear.

Hundreds of people were hospitalized in and around the city of Herat, the provincial capital close to the epicenter, said health official Muhammad Talib Shahid, pushing medical resources there to the brink of collapse. There still appeared to be limited international assistance 24 hours after the quake. The United Nations and nongovernmental organizations said ambulances were on their way and that aid workers had begun to distribute emergency tents, clothes and medicine.

But Siddig Ibrahim, a senior UNICEF official in the region, warned that medicine and supplies in the region's main hospital were "expected to be depleted soon."

The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs provided a lower number of confirmed fatalities than the death toll announced by the Taliban, saying Sunday night that 1,023 people were reported to have been killed and more than 500 were missing.

The initial 6.3-magnitude earthquake hit the area around Herat on Saturday morning, severely damaging or destroying almost 2,000 homes, according to the government. Local officials later reported powerful aftershocks. After initial assessments from local officials indicated limited damage Saturday, the death toll surged as rescue efforts continued overnight.

Baz Muhammad Sarwari, a Herat resident, said he was on the second floor of a building in the earthquake zone when it started shaking. "I haven't experienced such a powerful earthquake in my whole life," he said.

While footage on social media on Saturday showed chaotic scenes in Herat, one of Afghanistan's most populous cities, the damage was most severe to the west of the city, near the border with Iran. Most of the deaths were reported from villages about 25 miles from the city center, the United Nations and local officials said, where cellphone access continued to be disrupted Sunday.

Afghan officials said the epicenter was in two districts, Zinda Jan and Ghurian, where mud brick houses collapsed within seconds of the initial earthquake, leaving residents with no time to escape.

One man was still tightly holding onto what rescuers believed to be his daughter when the two were found dead under the rubble, footage shared with The Washington Post by the Afghan Disaster Management Ministry showed.

First responders compared the destruction to the damage caused by the quake that struck eastern Afghanistan last year, killing more than 1,000 people and raising questions at the time about the internationally isolated Taliban government's ability to respond to major disasters quickly and effectively.

Taliban officials appeared intent Sunday on portraying themselves as in control of the situation. Abdul Ghani Baradar, a senior Taliban leader, said that authorities dispatched helicopters to the earthquake epicenter within half an hour, state-run broadcaster RTA reported.

At least 10 search teams were sent to the earthquake zone, disaster management official Saiq said. Government members in Kabul announced 100 million afghanis, the equivalent of $1.3 million, in emergency aid.

But in Herat, which is not among the most earthquake-prone Afghan cities, locals observed an improvised response. Farid Ahmad, a resident, said authorities had to block lanes in the city on Sunday to allow ambulances to reach hospitals.

Taliban officials appealed to businesses to supply food and rescue equipment, and could be seen loading donated shovels and other equipment into their vehicles as they prepared to head to the epicenter of the quake. Locals joining the search-and-rescue effort dug for survivors with their bare hands.

Khan reported from Peshawar, Pakistan.

Source: USGS

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An Afghan man, below left, walks by a destroyed home in Herat province. Mourners in the village of Kashkak, below right, cover a grave after a funeral for earthquake victims.

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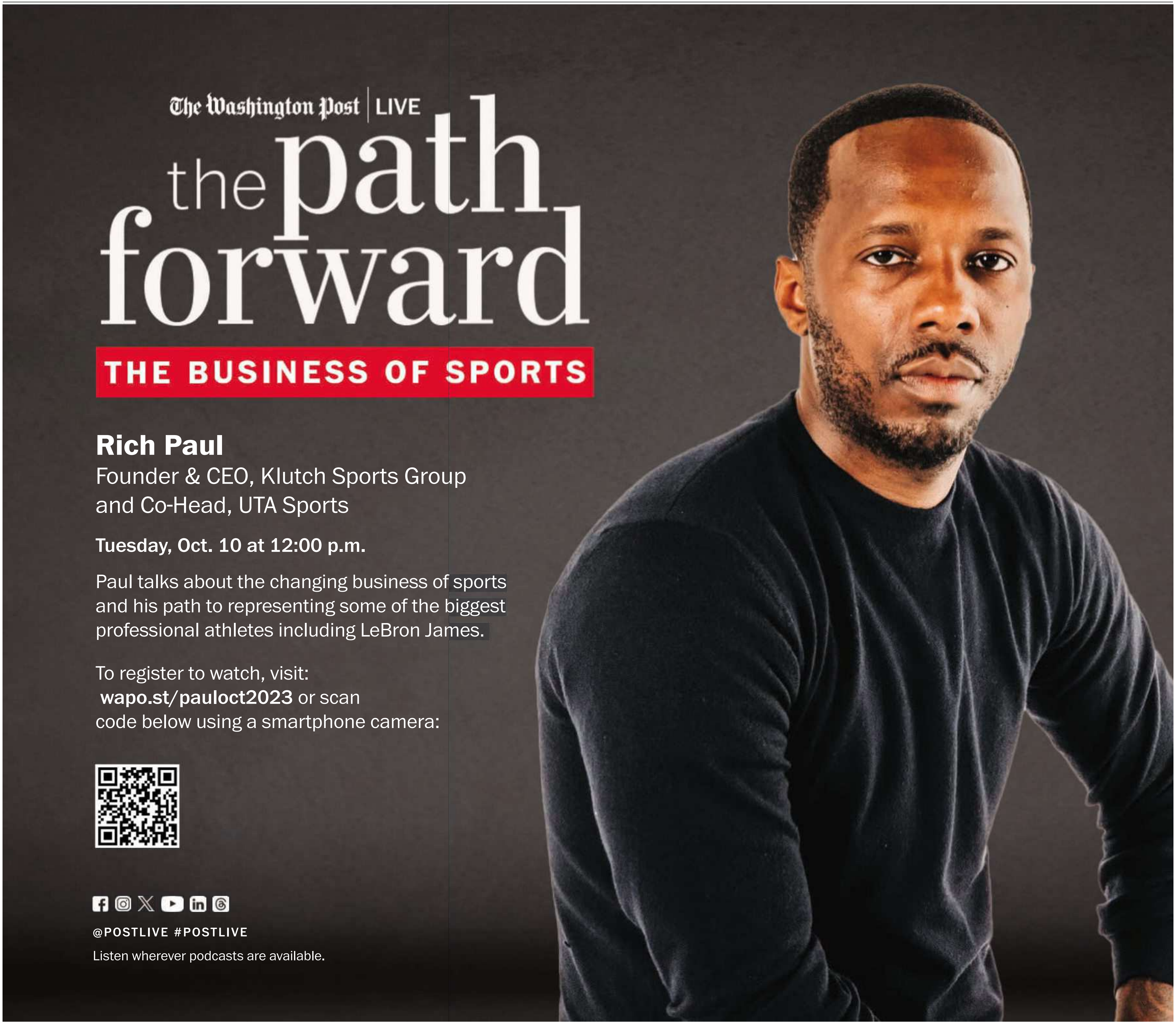

Warming is driving many amphibians toward extinction

BY DINO GRANDONI

You know the story: Slowly turn up the heat on a frog in a pot of water, and the frog won't hop out. Oblivious to the imperceptible increase in heat, it will stay put until — well, until it croaks.

When it comes to the effect of rising global temperatures on amphibians, the proverbial frog-boiling story is more than just a metaphor.

Climate change is emerging as one of the biggest threats to frogs and other amphibians, according to a major study published Wednesday in the journal Nature. Between 2004 and 2022, rising temperatures became the primary reason more than 100 amphibian species are slipping toward extinction.

"It's a gut punch and an awakening," said JJ Apodaca, executive director of the nonprofit Amphibian and Reptile Conservancy. He was not involved in the study.

The spread of disease among frogs and the destruction of swamps and other habitats have long been recognized as reasons many amphibians are declining.

But this new study establishes climate change as a major risk for

ROBIN MOORE

A juvenile Hartweg's climbing salamander from Guatemala. Salamanders are the most endangered type of amphibians.

amphibians around the world, too. The soft-skinned animals lack the scales, fur and feathers of other animals to help regulate their temperature and moisture levels in this hotter and more drought-stricken world.

"There is a growing proportion of species being pushed to the brink of extinction by disease and the effects of climate change," said Jennifer Luedtke, an amphibian group coordinator with the International Union for Conservation of Nature and one of the lead authors of the study from more than 100 researchers.

"So habitat protection alone just won't be sufficient as a risk-reduction measure."

What we lose when amphibians vanish

Over 2 in 5 amphibian species are at risk of extinction, according to the report, making them the most threatened group of vertebrates. By comparison, roughly a fourth of mammals and an eighth of birds are at risk of vanishing for good.

Frogs and other amphibians are "overlooked compared to more well-known groups like birds and mammals," said Kelsey Neam, another study co-author. But losing amphibians would be devastating because they often act as a crucial link in the food web of ecosystems, gobbling up insects and, in turn, being eaten by larger predators.

"Without those amphibians to fulfill that niche, we will see this collapse of the food web," said Neam, who, like Luedtke, works for an Austin-based environmental group called Re:wild.

Among amphibians declining because of climate change are the coquí frogs native to Puerto Rico, which are retreating up the island's mountains as temperatures go up.

Named for their two-note "coquí" call, the island's iconic frogs are decreasing in body size and croaking at a higher pitch as temperatures increase. Eventually, the island may get so hot that the frogs run out of room up the mountains. Already, at least three of Puerto Rico's coquís are presumed extinct.

Another potential victim of climate change is the golden toad of Costa Rica. Hotter and drier conditions in its forest home may have made the colorful toad more vulnerable to a deadly fungal disease that attacks amphibians' skin. The last one was seen in 1989.

"It's a beautiful, beautiful toad," said Patricia Burrowes, a retired herpetologist at the University of Puerto Rico. "I'm old enough to have seen these frogs disappear."

That fungal infection, called chytridiomycosis, has ripped through amphibian populations from Latin America to Africa to Australia, driving hundreds of amphibians toward oblivion. By one measure, it is causing the worst loss of biodiversity of any wildlife disease in history.

'Not all bad news'

Yet for all the threats frogs face, the study concluded the salamander is the most endangered type of amphibian. About 3 in 5 of the slender amphibians are at risk of vanishing, according to the study in Nature.

Many salamander species live in only one place, making them particularly susceptible to climate change and habitat fragmentation. The Hickory Nut Gorge green salamander, for instance, lives exclusively in a 14-mile-long canyon in North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains.

"This isn't a problem that exists in the tropics and doesn't affect people here in the United States," said Apodaca, who helped discover the salamander species.

The first major assessment of declines in amphibians came out in 2004, and this study uses the data from a recently completed second assessment. "Things have gotten even worse" since then, Apodaca said.

There are still signs of hope. Habitat protection and other conservation measures have helped in the recovery of more than five dozen amphibians from Costa Rica to Malaysia.

"It's not all bad news," Luedtke said. "But we really must build on this momentum and significantly scale up investment in amphibian conservation."

White House condemns posts targeting LGBTQ Interior spokesman

BY TIMOTHY PUKO

The White House on Sunday condemned a conservative social media activist for ridiculing an openly-gay Interior Department official on the site X, describing her posts as "cruel and unacceptable."

Chaya Raichik, who created the @libsoftiktok account on X, formerly known as Twitter, sparked a debate online this week after posting and reposting several times about Tyler Cherry, Interior's principal deputy communications director. The posts appeared to criticize his appearance, referred to him as one of the "total weirdos" the Biden administration has hired, laughed at photos of him in a dress that the New York Times published in a piece on his wedding, and reposted another message that called him a "radical leftist."

In addition to his work at Interior, Cherry is part of a queer DJ collective pushing for a more inclusive LGBTQ nightlife scene in Washington.

He had joined the Biden administration during its first weeks in 2021, and previously worked in Democratic politics in Arizona and at the liberal watchdog group Media Matters for America, according to his X and LinkedIn profiles. The White House called Cherry an "invaluable member of our team," according to a statement first obtained by the Advocate, an LGBTQ+ magazine. Interior declined to comment.

"No one should be targeted simply for being themselves," the statement said. "This is an administration that believes to our core in the principle that out of many we are one — and we are proud that the people who serve in it reflect those values as well."

Raichik and the @LibsofTikTok account have nearly 3 million followers combined, and have been frequently cited by Tucker Carlson and other right-wing media figures. After gaining a large Twitter following in 2022 after calling on openly-gay teachers to stop teaching, Raichik began criticizing transgender medical treatment of young people at hospitals.

Raichik and the @libsoftiktok account did not respond to direct messages on X seeking comment, including questions about whether the posts targeted Cherry for his appearance.

On Thursday afternoon, Raichik and the @libsoftiktok account posted several pictures of Cherry, referring to him as the "queer spokesperson" for Interior and, in one reply, asking "How many sets of pronouns do you think he has?"

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From left, Tyler Cherry, Michael Vazquez and Jamie Citron attend a Pride celebration hosted by Vice President Harris in June.

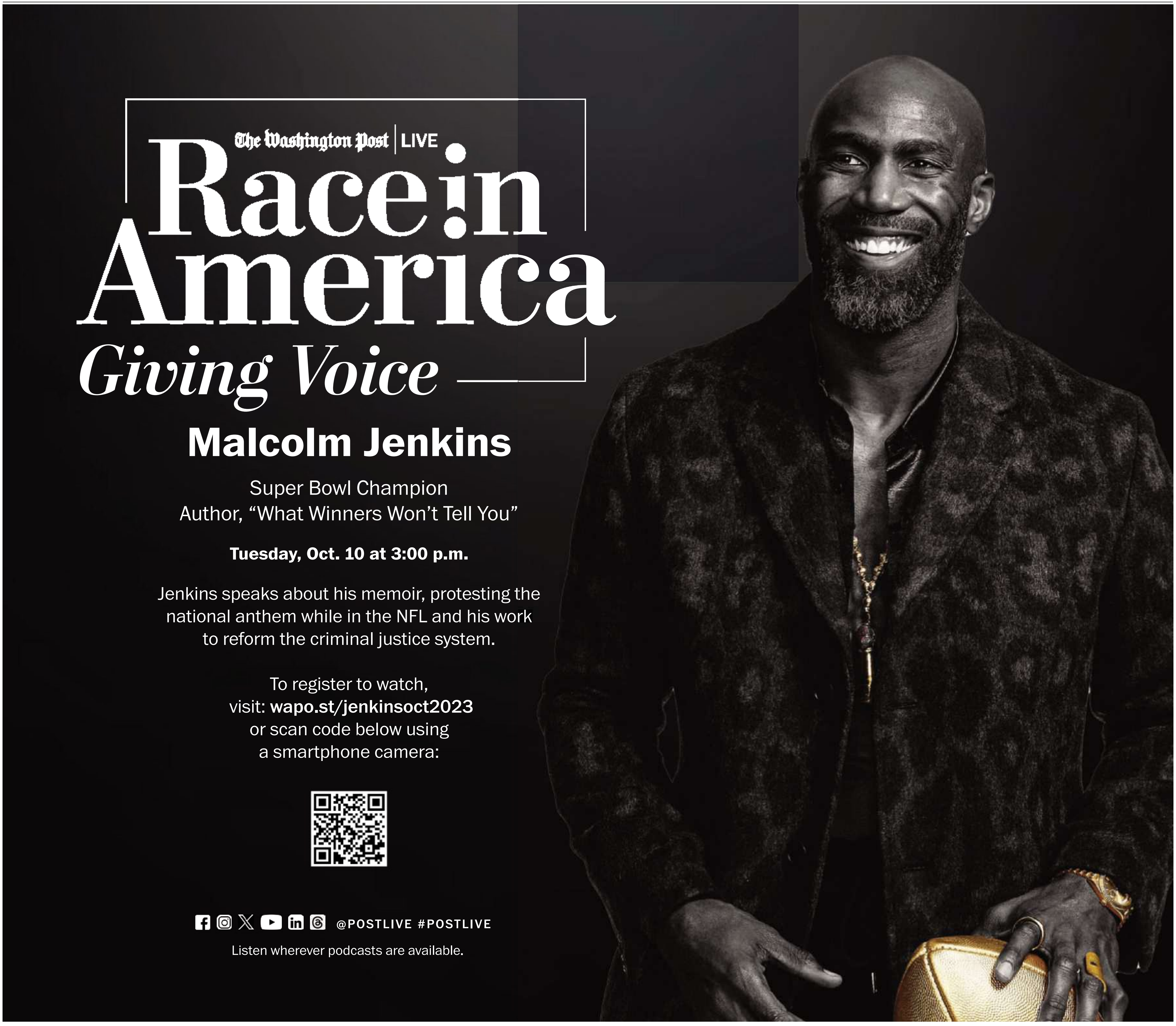
The @libsoftiktok post also included screenshots of years-old political posts that appeared to be from Cherry's personal account from before he joined the Biden administration. The old posts criticized former president Donald Trump, along with other members of his administration, and commented on racism and other social issues.

It spurred other replies that called Cherry a disgrace or a "diversity hire."

Several commenters on X came to Cherry's defense, questioning why he would attract attention in the first place.

Raichik's posts came less than a week after Interior Secretary Deb Haaland posted a video of herself with self-described queer environmentalist and drag queen Pattie Gonia, discussing the cultural importance of Stonewall National Monument, which commemorates the LGBTQ civil rights movement.

Some critics, including tennis star Martina Navratilova who is a lesbian, questioned why the interior secretary would appear with the performer. Navratilova suggested that dressing in drag amounts to a "pathetic parody of women," though some drag performers have been active in LGBTQ rights.



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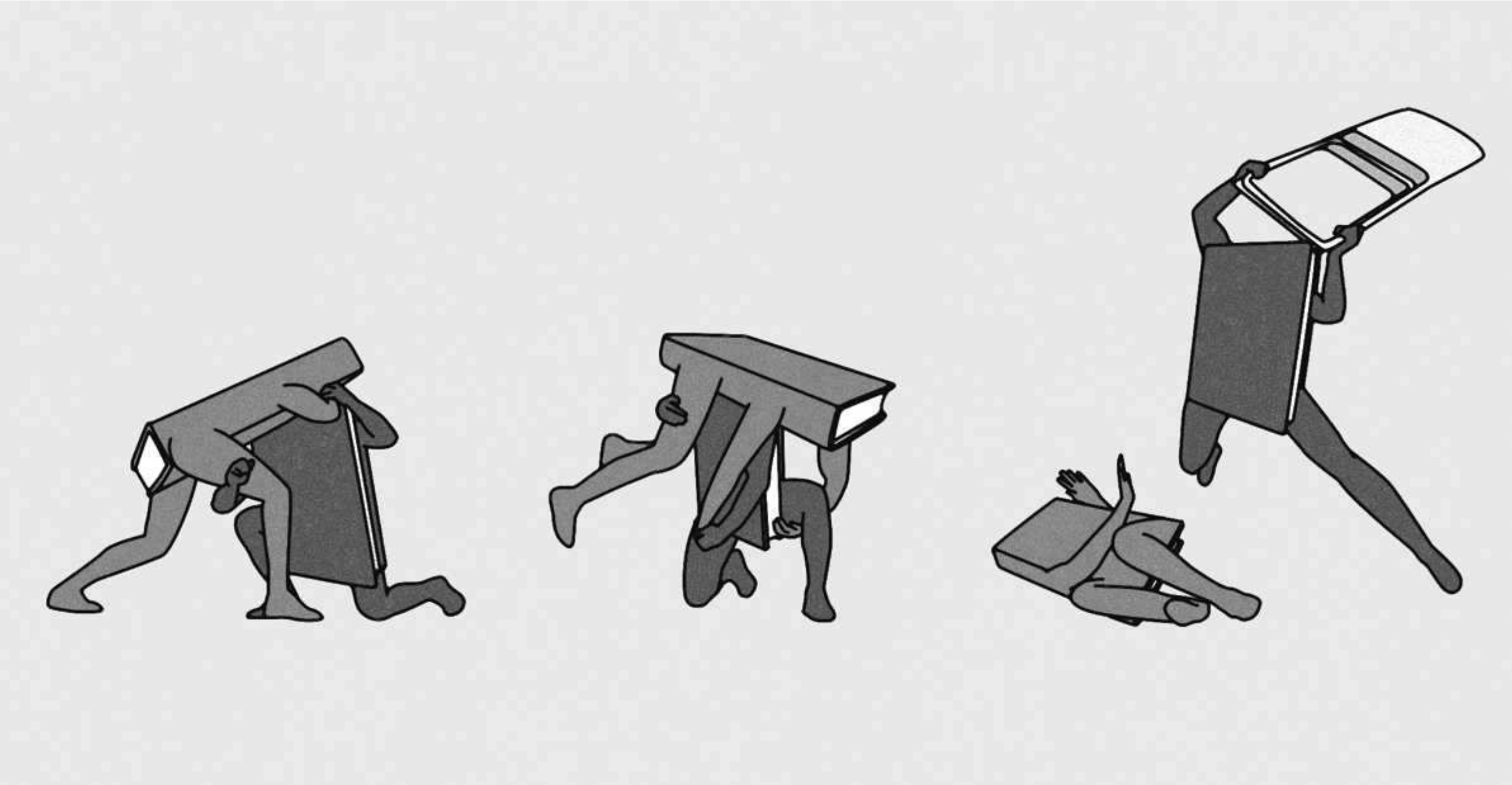
Buying e-books or audiobooks? You'll have to grapple with Apple.

BY SHIRA OVIDE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It's obvious that Amazon has changed how you buy books.

Less obvious is Apple's influence on book readers.

Apple helped engineer a pricing shift that means many e-book bestsellers cost more than they did a decade ago — on Apple's Books app, Amazon and other digital stores.

And now, Apple's rules that dictate everything you can do on your iPhone have forced odd contortions for Spotify, which wants to challenge the audiobook dominance of Amazon's Audible.

(Amazon founder Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post. Interim CEO Patty Stonesifer is a member of Amazon's board of directors.)

Among those contortions: You can't actually buy the audiobooks in Spotify's app that offers audiobooks.

That's at least twice that Apple, which barely registers as a bookseller, has steered the direction of book buying.

Apple's behind-the-scenes book influence shows how Big Tech companies can have unexpected power over what you buy, the prices you pay and the direction of entire industries.

E-books cost more than they did before

After Amazon released its Kindle device 15 years ago, it charged $9.99 for many popular new e-books.

That low price compared to hardcover books converted many readers to e-books and helped establish Amazon as the biggest digital bookseller.

Big book publishers, however, hated it.

Amazon itself set the $9.99 price, which was so low that Amazon sometimes lost money on each sale. Book companies worried that people would never be willing to pay more than $10 for any book.

When Apple came out with the iPad in 2010, the company took a different approach: Book publishers could effectively block discounts on e-books sold in the iPad bookstore and on Amazon, too.

Long story short: The government said that this was an illegal price-fixing conspiracy. Book publishers and Apple essentially lost in court but they got what they wanted anyway.

Now, prices of e-books (and audiobooks) are often set by book publishers. The $10 e-book bestseller is rare. Costs of $15 or $16 are typical.

Those higher prices compared to a decade ago might not be a bad thing for you. The $10 e-book was an artificially low price that helped Amazon establish its dominance.

My point is that this shift in what you pay for e-books might never have happened without Apple.

One giant tech company, Apple, championed a reversal of a price standard established by another giant tech company, Amazon. Book readers were pawns in this power play.

Spotify sells audiobooks, but not in its app

Spotify started to compete with Audible in audiobooks a year ago. Apple hasn't made it easy for Spotify or you.

Spotify gives you three options to listen to books. Since last week, British and Australian subscribers to Spotify's music service can listen to 15 hours of audiobooks each month at no added cost.

(This option is coming soon to the United States, where an individual subscription typically costs $10.99 a month.)

Subscribers who want more can buy an additional 10 hours of audiobooks a month for $11. You can also buy individual audiobook titles from Spotify.

The wrinkle is you can't buy individual audiobooks from Spotify's iPhone app. You can't buy a Spotify subscription in the app, either, or extra hours of audiobooks. (Spotify's Android app for now has some but not all of those limitations.)

You need to buy from Spotify.com and then access your subscription or audiobook purchase in the Spotify iPhone app. Spotify says this is too clunky.

These gymnastics are Spotify's compromises to Apple's dictatorship over iPhone apps.

For any digital stuff that you buy in an iPhone app — virtual armor for an app video game, a Washington Post online subscription or an audiobook — Apple collects a commission of up 30 percent of each sale.

That would mean, for example, that Spotify might charge you an extra $7.50 to pay Apple's fees on a $25 audiobook, or eat the cost itself. (Spotify is unprofitable.)

Some other companies, including Audible, already charge you more when you buy some stuff in their apps compared to their websites, to offset the commission they pay Apple.

Or to avoid charging you more, they don't let you buy digital things in their apps at all. You can't buy e-books in the Kindle iPhone app, for example.

And again because Apple won't allow it, apps can't tell you where you're supposed to buy stuff from them if purchases aren't available in the app.

Spotify last year tried multiple times to redesign its app to let you buy audiobooks without getting into trouble with Apple. It didn't work.

Audible and the Kindle app are subject to the same restrictions as Spotify. The difference is that Amazon and Audible have already hooked a bunch of people.

Spotify says that it's trying to give you an alternative to Audible — but that some of its audiobook features and marketing are quashed by Apple's restrictions.

Apple didn't respond to requests for comment. In the past, the company has said that its app store gives people the best options for quality and privacy in apps, but that people can make purchases on the app company's website instead.

Spotify has complained for years that Apple's control over apps hurts Spotify and you. The gripes are self-serving and Spotify is complicit in crippling features in its iPhone app in its fight with Apple.

But Spotify also isn't wrong. Because of Apple's absolute control over apps, it is setting the terms of the competition for your dollars in audiobooks.

You could be better off with Apple's influence in digital books, or worse off. Either way, a company that has almost nothing to do with books has an indelible influence on your book buying options.

One tiny win

If you're buying audiobooks, it's not a bad idea to compare prices — even on Audible's website compared to its app.

As I briefly mentioned, if you subscribe to Audible's Premium Plus plan, which gives you "credits" to download at least one audiobook each month, you save money if you buy on Audible's website and not in the app.

Audible Premium Plus costs $14.95 a month if you buy it on Audible.com and $15.99 if you buy in the Audible app for iPhone or Android.

Again, this is Audible's way of partly making up for what it owes Apple or Google as the app store owners.

I don't know exactly what Amazon's Audible pays Apple or Google, but typically a big company owes a 30 percent commission to Apple, or almost $5 on a $15.99 monthly subscription, for the first year you subscribe to a digital service like Audible.

After that, Amazon might owe 15 percent, or $2.40 on your $15.99 monthly subscription, for as long as you pay for the subscription.

You might even see price differences for individual audiobook purchases — probably because of corporate price tinkering, not the app store fees.

On Friday, Audible's website showed me a price of $26.24 for the new Elon Musk biography.

In Audible's Android app, I saw a price of $26.99 for the same audiobook. (Audible is testing sales of individual audiobooks in its iPhone app. That purchase option isn't available to everyone yet.)

On Spotify's website, the Musk audiobook was $26.90. Remember, you can't buy the audiobook in Spotify's app. You have to buy it on Spotify's website and then open your Spotify app to listen.

And if all this is confusing, I listen to lots of audiobooks free thanks to my local public library and the Libby app. (At the New York Public Library, there's a wait of "several months" to borrow the Musk audiobook.)

FCC security argument on net neutrality has foes

The Technology 202

BY DAVID DIMOLFETTA

When Federal Communications Commission Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel unveiled plans to restore net neutrality this month, she said reinstating the rule would "give the FCC and its national security partners the tools needed to defend our networks from potential security threats."

The rule — which gives the agency broad powers to regulate internet service as a utility, akin to water or electricity — hasn't historically been invoked for cybersecurity purposes.

But Rosenworcel in prepared remarks argued that net neutrality would permit the FCC to expand its powers beyond telecommunications services to tackle broadband service providers deemed security risks. She also said the FCC without net neutrality has limited ability to enforce newer cybersecurity standards.

But some cybersecurity policy and legal experts challenged the rationale that net neutrality would be a boon to national security and cybersecurity. They say the commission has already done significant work to keep potential cyberthreats off U.S. networks, and that net neutrality wouldn't give them much more runway to handle national security matters.

The FCC has already been able to shut out carriers deemed by regulators as security threats, said Howard Waltzman, a partner at law firm Mayer Brown specializing in communications and technology law.

In the years since net neutrality was repealed, the FCC in 2021 revoked China Telecom's authority to provide services in the United States, followed by China Unicom in 2022. Both were done "in the absence of Title II reclassification of broadband services," Waltzman said.

Similarly, Brandon Pugh, policy director and a resident senior fellow at the free market think tank R Street Institute, doesn't view net neutrality as a means of addressing gaps in cyber and national security. He said the FCC should instead focus on other security areas, such as the agency's contributions to the Office of the National Cyber Director on harmonizing cybersecurity requirements or its separate Privacy and Data Protection Taskforce that is exploring device and supply chain security.

But Jenna Leventoff, senior policy council at the American Civil Liberties Union, views net neutrality protections as a plus, and not just for competition reasons. The shift would enable the FCC to "take any actions it needs to take regarding broadband networks," she said. "If they want to take action to make our networks more safe and more secure, they'll have the authority to do that."

Some say the commission is using fear of national security threats from China and Russia to spur policymakers' support for the contested broadband item.

"For a long time, the excuse for doing anything in the U.S. was counterterrorism," said James Lewis, a senior VP at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "And now, … China and cybersecurity are the big justifications for policy actions, and so everyone tries to apply them."

The FCC referred The Technology 202 to the commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the net neutrality item and highlighted multiple sections that explained the agency's national security rationale. Rosenworcel has previously said the commission works with national security partners on decisions that involve protecting U.S. communications networks. Rosenworcel and the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Director Jen Easterly in August released a blog post about one of those areas known as the border gateway protocol which determines data transmission routes on the internet. DHS did not return a request for comment.

The security implications of net neutrality should still be taken seriously, even if its history has been politically charged, said Megan Stifel, chief strategy officer for the Institute for Security and Technology.

"We read daily about … ransomware and other cybersecurity incidents that have resulted from first to market instead of secure to market," Stifel wrote in an email. "As broadband expansion continues, it is essential that we securely connect users — through both technical measures and in boosting their cyber hygiene."

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	Bruce L. Caswell	Chief executive officer	Sept. 29	Sold	21,049	74.68	233,010
	Theresa D. Golinvaux	Senior vice president	Sept. 28	Sold	961	74.68	2,569
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A girl looks at the Facebook page of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, a nationalist organization, in New Delhi in October 2021.

A toxic mix of tech and hate threatens India

Left unchecked, it could eat away at the country's democracy.

IN INDIA, social media platforms have become conveyor belts for hate under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, his Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party and its affiliated groups. That is the takeaway from an unsettling Post series, "Rising India, Toxic Tech," by reporters Gerry Shih, Joseph Menn and Pranshu Verma, which reveals that platforms such as Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube and Twitter, now known as X, were late and lame in stamping out vile content aimed at India's Muslim minority.

To be sure, Mr. Modi and the BJP have, first and foremost, driven the majoritarian nationalism and autocratic drift that undermine India's democracy day by day. Yet platforms allowed bad actors to break their rules repeatedly, while they played catch-up or turned a blind eye. A spokeswoman for Facebook, Margarita Franklin, told The Post, "We prohibit coordinated inauthentic behavior, hate speech and content that incites violence, and we enforce these policies globally." These are fine goals that, judging by the series, are regularly unmet in India.

Nearly three years ago, a Facebook team uncovered a vast social media influence operation that used hundreds of fake accounts to praise the Indian army's crackdown in the restive border region of Kashmir and accuse Kashmiri journalists of separatism and sedition. The team identified a storied Indian army unit as the source of this inauthentic behavior. But when they sought to delete the network's pages, Facebook executives in New Delhi pushed back, saying they didn't want to antagonize the government of a sovereign nation over actions in territory it controls, that they needed to consult lawyers and that they feared retribution. Their objections "staved off action for a full year," the Post reporters found, "while the Indian army unit continued to spread disinformation that put Kashmiri journalists in danger."

When the Facebook investigators ran into resistance from their colleagues in India, they passed the information to their counterparts at Twitter, where the army had established a parallel operation. The Facebook team "hoped that Twitter would do the first takedown, giving Facebook political cover so it wouldn't have to face government retribution alone and its internal dispute could be resolved." But Twitter "took no action" out of fear of angering the government and losing users.

In south India's Karnataka state, the Post reporters found that Mr. Modi's party and related nationalist groups have spread inflammatory material on an industrial scale. As Karnataka geared up for elections, the BJP used tens of thousands of followers to propagate its messages across a range of WhatsApp groups. Alongside the official party machine, the Post reporters discovered a shadowy parallel campaign creating incendiary posts that painted a dire and false message that Muslims, aided by the secular and liberal Congress party, had abused and murdered members of the Hindu majority.

BJP social media workers flooded WhatsApp users with group messages that, as the election approached, became strewn with incendiary posts and appeals to religious bigotry. A spokeswoman for Meta, which owns WhatsApp and Facebook, told the Post reporters that the company has limited message-forwarding and used spam-detection to prevent automated mass messaging. But WhatsApp is end-to-end encrypted to ensure privacy, making it hard to monitor. A former Meta employee told The Post that this has been recognized internally for years but executives have not found a solution to monitor or moderate a platform that is by design private.

Another chilling example is the story of a gun-toting vigilante group, among many in north India who have worked discreetly in a legal gray zone to protect cows, which are worshiped by Hindus. The job of transporting cows is often done by Muslims, and they are chased, harassed and intimidated at gunpoint by the Hindu vigilantes, who have become more extreme and flamboyant, thanks to social media. One of them, Monu Manesar, who was propelled to fame by his appearance on YouTube, terrorized minority Muslim communities in two Indian states.

India's dangerous combination of militant Hindu nationalism and pliant or overwhelmed social media shows how illiberalism can spread in a wired world. To halt it now would require a major change by the BJP, which is not likely, or far more aggressive policing by the platforms, which is hardly assured. But left unchecked, this toxic mix risks turning even more corrosive, eating away at the heart of India's democracy.

High rates, high danger

It's getting harder and harder for the U.S. government to repay its debt.

BORROWING IS expensive again, as anyone who has tried to buy a car or home lately can tell you. The interest rate on 10-year Treasury bonds, the benchmark for home loans, is hovering around 4.75 percent, a nearly two-decade high. This will significantly add to the federal government's expenses and raises the urgency to lower the deficit. Interest costs are already the fastest-growing part of the budget. Net interest costs — a nonnegotiable expense — nearly doubled as a share of federal outlays between 2020 and 2023, going from $345 billion, or 5 percent, to $660 billion, or 10 percent. (Defense, by comparison, cost $815 billion, or 13 percent of spending in 2023.)

The higher rates partly reflect the Federal Reserve's necessary campaign against inflation, but they also mean that the miracle of compounding is now working against the country's fiscal stability. Barring policy changes, recent interest rate increases could add $3 trillion over the next decade to interest costs, according to Marc Goldwein, senior policy director for the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

In addition to financial danger, there's irony here: While millions of Americans bought or refinanced homes at mortgage rates below 4 percent in recent years and locked those cheap rates for 30 years, the U.S. government failed to do so. Top Democratic economists such as Janet L. Yellen and Lawrence H. Summers urged a government borrowing spree during a period of seemingly permanent low interest rates before 2020. They argued it was wise to borrow long-term and invest in productivity-enhancing infrastructure and education, as well as the green transition. The government did indeed borrow massively in 2020, but largely to keep businesses and consumers solvent during the pandemic. The Biden administration and Congress have subsequently made investments but were unable to lock in low rates for decades. The average maturity in the federal debt portfolio is about six years, meaning a huge chunk of government debt must soon be refinanced at high rates. Consider the three-month Treasury bill. The yield on that was almost zero in 2021. Now, it's more than 5 percent.

There was already a critical need for Congress and President Biden to start addressing the long-term fiscal situation through some combination of higher taxes, moderate expense cuts, and adjustments to Social Security and Medicare. We laid out a plan earlier this year to stabilize the debt. The sobering new interest-rate reality makes it even more pressing. Indeed, the infamous crowding-out effect from large federal debts might start making a comeback. Instead of providing capital to invest in private business, directly or through the stock market, people with extra cash are likely to choose to earn high rates on less risky government debt. This could hurt U.S. growth. One sign that investor caution, and not just Fed policy, is at work: Interest rates on government debt have continued to rise well after the Fed's last hike, which occurred in July.

With the House of Representatives in chaos, perhaps the best hope is for a bipartisan group of senators to launch a debt commission to generate a plan. It might not get taken seriously for a while with the 2024 election looming. But if interest costs remain high, so will the risks of inaction.

ELLIS ROSEN

"Actually, this sort of thing is best done in person."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Farms could save downtowns

The Oct. 1 editorial "Don't count on office space to solve America's housing crisis" discussed the high vacancy rates of commercial office buildings in American cities and why converting them into habitable real estate to help the housing crisis has been difficult, if not prohibitive. Unfortunately, the editorial missed an opportunity to plug the use of such spaces for vertical farming, a practice that is expanding rapidly in Asia and even in U.S. cities.

Area 2 Farms recently started a vertical farm in a vacant Arlington paper storage warehouse; it now delivers greens and vegetables to more than 100 families a week. Using vertical racks stacked on each other, LED lights and hydroponics, vertical farms need no sun, soil or pesticides and reportedly can produce up to 30 harvests a year with 95 percent less water than outdoor farms. News reports indicate that high-energy usage for LED lights has been the Achilles' heel, but breakthroughs in LED technology and artificial intelligence promise to lessen energy needs. Using micro-robotics, for example, Area 2 Farms reports it uses 25 percent fewer LED lights than the average vertical farm.

With the potential to revolutionize the food industry and benefit the environment, urban vertical farming is the future, and it would seem a propitious use of vacant commercial buildings.

Jay Gruner, *McLean*

Metro is working on funding

The Sept. 30 editorial "Metro is teetering on the edge of a fiscal cliff" laid out the challenges we face but missed the mark on regional cooperation. Contrary to sitting by as a drastic situation unfolds, area leaders are engaged and committed to ensuring our transit system is in a strong position to serve the region.

Beginning this summer, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) convened regional officials and Randy Clark, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority general manager and chief executive, to focus on Metro at our annual retreat. Since then, we've stood up new work groups in which area leaders, including local and state elected officials, representatives from the executives of the D.C., Maryland and Virginia, and private and nonprofit sector partners, can collaborate and craft solutions.

Much as we did during the successful effort to secure dedicated funding for the system's capital budget, our city and county managers are reviewing Metro's financials to give us a better understanding of the current needs and options for policymakers to consider as we forge a path forward. We plan to issue preliminary recommendations later this fall.

Kate Stewart, *Washington*

The writer is chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board of Directors and a member of the Montgomery County Council.

Long covid is serious

As someone who has worked in infectious-disease prevention and control for more than 20 years, I was concerned that Leana S. Wen, in her Oct. 2 op-ed, "The CDC needs to change its covid guidance," advocated for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to change its mask guidance, ignored the evidence about the risks of long covid and assumed that we always know when we are putting a vulnerable person at risk of contracting the coronavirus.

Dr. Wen's suggestion that coronavirus-positive children without a fever or serious symptoms attend school does not acknowledge that other students, their families and school faculty might be high-risk for serious consequences of the coronavirus.

Regardless of any individual's risk profile, anyone can experience long covid. About one-third of people who had covid report long-covid symptoms up to nine months after illness. In fact, even a mild covid infection can increase the risk of a heart attack, stroke or heart failure up to a year after recovery.

Dr. Wen's policy examples from Denmark and Britain failed to acknowledge that those countries have national health-care systems, where anyone with severe covid illness requiring hospitalization or long-covid symptoms can access medical care without fear of bankruptcy. More than 27 million Americans do not have health insurance. People of color are least likely to be insured, exacerbating health inequalities covid has already aggravated.

Katherine Wolf, *Washington*

Listen to Ms. Swift

In his Oct. 1 Sunday Opinion commentary, "Hooray for Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce. Watch out, Trump.," Rick Reilly wrote about Taylor Swift and her boyfriend Travis Kelce (neither of whom I had heard of) possibly using their immense popularity to encourage their admirers to vote. I immediately became a fan.

I didn't grow up in this country. My country of origin is Belgium, where voting was required for everyone 18 and up. I only voted once there. In the United States, I have voted in every election since I became a citizen.

I hear many people complain about what is happening in this country. I wonder how many of them voted.

Voting is one of the only things we can do to make a change in how this country is run. We can determine who ends up in the White House, Senate and House. Yes, the electoral college has overridden the popular vote. I would vote for getting rid of the electoral college, but that is another story.

Still, if we all vote, then maybe we would be able to kick that electoral college in the butt.

So, young and old, listen to Ms. Swift and Mr. Kelce and vote, vote, vote. Our power might be limited, but voting shows that as Americans we are able to make changes. We are not completely helpless as to what happens in the United States.

Karine Rafferty, *Gaithersburg*

Men in prison don't marry

In her Oct. 2 op-ed, "For single moms, partners are hard to find," Christine Emba wrote that women lament that plausible marriage partners are hard to find. One reason for this is that many men are in prison. The United States incarcerates a higher proportion of its men than almost any country in the world.

Males from minority communities, especially if they are poor, are more prone to be in prison. Boys and young men, of all races, with fathers in prison have a markedly higher propensity for pursuing a life of crime themselves.

Across the United States, prison might rival poverty as a primary reason children from single-parent homes don't do as well in life as the progeny of privileged two-parent families.

Frank Richter, *Clawson, Mich.*

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The Hamas attack is an intelligence failure that could take Israel years to unravel

The vicious Hamas assault of terrorism on Saturday truly was Israel's 9/11 — not simply in the anguished demand for revenge that has followed the attack but also in the strange blindness that preceded it.

True intelligence failures result not simply from a lack of information but also an inability to understand it. Israelis knew the malevolent hatred that animated Hamas and its backers in Iran. What they didn't appreciate was the creativity and competence of their adversaries. This was a level of organized malice that was, literally, unthinkable.

Just as Americans never imagined that the Muslim fundamentalists of al-Qaeda would have the perverse genius to fly airplanes into buildings, Israeli analysts don't seem to have appreciated that Hamas fighters could escape the barricaded compound of Gaza with paragliders. Israelis evidently didn't credit their foe's ability to operate simultaneously across air, sea and land. And they certainly didn't appreciate Hamas's and its allies' ability to keep secrets.

Will we learn, as we did after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, in the United States, that the information necessary to prevent the attacks was in the system? Somewhere, the lights might have been "blinking red." But in the haunting phrase that came to explain the 9/11 failure, Israelis evidently couldn't "connect the dots." They couldn't see what, in retrospect, was staring them in the face.

In the United States in 2001, one big problem was that the CIA and the FBI were intense rivals and didn't trust each other. They wouldn't share (or when they did, couldn't comprehend) the intelligence that was in their separate silos. I don't know enough about Israeli intelligence to draw any firm parallels. But the intelligence world always has professional rivalries and jealousies. What's more, this was a moment when top political leadership was so disorganized that it couldn't have imposed order.

The Israel of 2023 — in the months that preceded the Gaza disaster — has been a domestic political nightmare. The country was more divided than I have seen it in more than 40 years of reporting there. The security establishment — meaning Mossad, military intelligence and the domestic security service known as Shin Bet — was bitterly opposed to the fragile government headed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. And it showed.

The intelligence elite believed that Netanyahu was wrecking Israel by assaulting its Supreme Court. I say that because several senior Mossad officers, including a former director, conveyed that message to me directly in recent months. The security elite is secular; it lives in Tel Aviv and Haifa; it listens to Mozart. It deeply resented Bibi's alliance with ultra-Orthodox parties who generally don't serve in the military and espouse a very different, much more religious Israel than the one created in courageous service by the security barons and their predecessors.

In the months that preceded the Gaza disaster, Israel has been a domestic political nightmare.

Israel seemed to be coming apart in the months before Hamas fighters broke through the Gaza cage. Thousands of Israelis were marching in the streets of Tel Aviv to protest Netanyahu's attempt to alter what they saw as the fundamental character of the state. Did that political chaos contribute to the Gaza attacks? I don't know. But, surely, the domestic feuds of the past few months might have led Hamas and its backers in Tehran to believe that Israel was internally weak and, perhaps, vulnerable.

America before 9/11 knew something of that fragility. President George W. Bush came to office after a contested election that could only be resolved by the Supreme Court. Our divisions then seem like nothing compared with now. But the 9/11 Commission documented how the Bush team didn't pay adequate attention to warnings from CIA Director George Tenet and his analysts of a possible al-Qaeda attack.

Intelligence failures involve a strange hubris. The tough guys get sucker punched. As journalists sometimes say, people start "reading their own clips" and believing their vaunted reputations. Mossad and its fellow agencies have lived off their mythic aura for generations; they're celebrated as lions in novels and TV shows even as their American brethren are ridiculed as "clowns in action." But sometimes tough guys don't see the dangers that more cautious people might.

The Iranians and their Hamas allies play a more complicated game than some Israelis, in their justified hatred of the mullahs, might realize. Iran was genuinely threatened by Israel's plan to normalize relations with Saudi Arabia and, in the process, neuter the Palestinian issue as Tehran's trump card. In its consternation, Iran was considering an opening to the United States, even as its allies were planning a vicious attack, Arab sources tell me.

Intelligence failures begin with overconfidence. People who are running scared sometimes look more closely in the shadows.

A final thought: When we say that the Gaza outrage was an Israeli version of 9/11, we should remember the other big lesson of that catastrophe, other than our failure to see it coming. The United States overreacted. It didn't simply take revenge and destroy its enemies. It sought to remake the Middle East, with long, mostly fruitless wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Israeli power at its best is calculated and ruthlessly efficient. I hope that Israel, in avenging this assault, doesn't create future problems that are even worse.

AMIR COHEN/REUTERS

Firefighters work to put out a blaze in an open field near a hospital in Ashkelon, Israel, on Saturday.

MAX BOOT

This is Israel's 9/11. The consequences will be dangerous — and unforeseeable.

I had been planning to write about the negotiations among President Biden, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman of Saudi Arabia to normalize Israel-Saudi ties in return for a U.S.-Saudi defense treaty. Analysts I talked to were cautiously optimistic that this megadeal might be concluded by early next year. Despite the continuing civil war in Syria, the region felt calm. U.S. national security adviser Jake Sullivan remarked late last month that "the Middle East region is quieter today than it has been in two decades now."

So much for that. Saturday's surprise attack by Hamas fighters into Israel is a grim reminder that, in the Middle East, war-fighting usually takes precedence over peacemaking. It is hard to imagine the Saudi-Israeli peace talks making much progress as Israel reels from the worst surprise attack it has suffered since the 1973 Yom Kippur War — and as it mobilizes for what is likely to be its largest ground assault into the Gaza Strip since Operation Cast Lead in 2008-2009. Indeed, though we don't know for sure why Hamas chose to strike exactly now, this could well be part of a larger attempt by Iran and its proxies — including Hamas — to prevent a historic reconciliation between Jerusalem and Riyadh.

It is shocking enough to see internet footage of the Hamas attack as an American witnessing events from afar. The shock must be many times greater for Israelis who have to process the calamity that has befallen their country. This is Israel's 9/11, and, just as the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks rippled out across the world from Afghanistan to Iraq, so, too, will the 10/7 attacks ripple out in ways that are as dangerous as they are unpredictable.

Israel has gotten accustomed to the threat posed by Hamas rockets — and there was indeed a large-scale rocket attack from the Gaza Strip on Saturday. But there is no precedent for the massive ground assault that Hamas also mounted. Hamas's fighters managed to penetrate Israeli border posts and the border fence enclosing Gaza, rampaging through surrounding Israeli communities, massacring innocent civilians and seizing hostages. They even managed to penetrate Israeli military bases and seize Israeli tanks and other armored vehicles. Hamas fighters are committing war crimes while carrying out a daring terrorist operation that has shaken Israel's sense of security. Israel will no doubt strike back with an overwhelming military response.

Though Israel could never make peace with Hamas, a movement dedicated to the destruction of the Jewish state, it had learned to live with a terrorist organization in control of the Gaza Strip as a lesser evil — compared with a renewed Israeli occupation, an even more extremist group such as al-Qaeda in charge, or Libya-style chaos. Israel had mounted numerous military operations against Hamas since its takeover in 2007, two years after Israel pulled out of Gaza. But these were mostly from the air. And even when Israeli troops were deployed, they never stayed for long.

Now the pressure will be irresistible for Netanyahu . . . to order the complete destruction of Hamas.

As a 2017 Rand Corp. study noted: "Israel's grand strategy became 'mowing the grass' — accepting its inability to permanently solve the problem and instead repeatedly targeting leadership of Palestinian militant organizations to keep violence manageable. Dealing with Hamas in Gaza puts Israel in a strategic quandary: It needs to exert enough force to deter Hamas from attacking but not so much that it topples the regime. As one Israeli defense analyst put it, 'We want to break their bones without putting them in the hospital.'"

Now the pressure will be irresistible for Netanyahu, who on Saturday declared that "we are at war," to order the complete destruction of Hamas. That could lead Israeli troops into extremely difficult fighting in the dense urban terrain of Gaza City against a shadowy foe that can hide among the civilian population. Indeed, Hamas might be trying to draw Israel into a quagmire similar to the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982, knowing that Israeli forces are much more vulnerable when they are fighting on foot than when they are dropping bombs from the sky.

The Israeli military remains the strongest force in the Middle East, and it will ultimately prevail. But even a tactical victory would leave Israel facing the question "Now what?" Most Israelis have no desire for a long-term occupation of the Gaza Strip, one that would inevitably lead to further Israeli casualties and accusations that their troops are committing war crimes. But they are running out of alternatives.

The only certainty is that the Hamas attack will make life worse for Palestinians. Gaza is already one of the poorest places on Earth, and its misery has only been exacerbated by the Israeli-Egyptian blockade designed to prevent Hamas from amassing too much military power. The day before the attacks, The Post ran a heart-rending story about how merchants in Gaza are so poor, they cannot afford trucks and have to rely on donkeys — only to see the supply of donkeys from Israel dry up.

Hamas did not attack because of the miserable conditions in Gaza. Its leaders are insulated from deprivation and motivated by religious and nationalist fanaticism. But the terrible conditions do make it easy for Hamas to recruit fighters from among young men so poor and desperate that they have no better alternative than to become "martyrs."

Ultimately, Israelis and Palestinians have to recognize that they have no alternative but to live side by side in peace. Responsible Israelis — who are largely missing from Netanyahu's far-right cabinet — know that Palestinians' lives have to improve to prevent more eruptions of violence in the future.

An Israeli-Saudi normalization deal, assuming it preserves the possibility of a two-state solution, could make an important contribution to Israel's long-term security. But the prospect of peace talks advancing is far more remote today than it was yesterday. For now, war and suffering are the order of the day, with no clear end in sight.

CATHERINE RAMPELL

Three milestones from a stunning jobs report

The U.S. economy added nearly twice as many jobs in September as economists had forecast, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. And that's *before* you consider how much job growth was revised upward in July and August. All in all, it was an astonishingly good report.

Three milestones in particular are worth celebrating:

1. Raise a glass

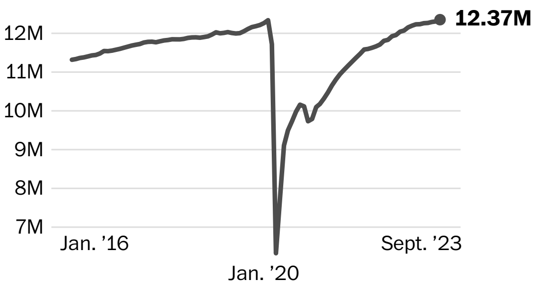
When covid hit, the shuttering of businesses around the country and reluctance of consumers to dine out eliminated about *half* the jobs across the industry. That is, between February and April 2020, about 6 million restaurant and bar jobs vanished.

Even as the economy reopened, these employers struggled to hire back workers. Some longtime food services workers had decided to leave the business altogether, trading up to better-paying or more humane positions. Some jumped from employer to employer amid the bidding war for staff. Declines in immigration — owing to pandemic-era policies and the Trump administration's broader sabotage of immigration processing — hurt the industry as well, because foreign-born workers make up about one-fifth of the sector's jobs.

But bars and restaurants have steadily been recovering, and, as of last month, employment levels were finally back to where they were in February 2020. It probably helps that more people are joining the labor force and immigration has largely normalized.

Jobs in bars and restaurants have returned to pre-pandemic levels

Jobs in food services/drinking places



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2. A boon for public-sector workers

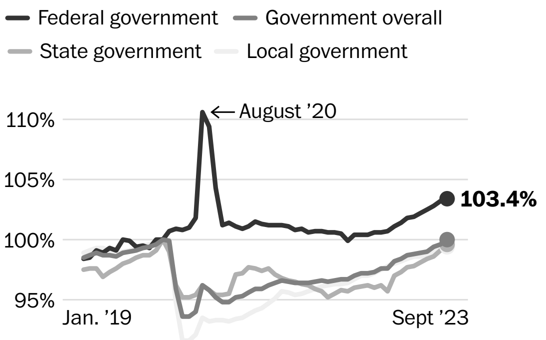
Public-sector employment also took a hit early in the pandemic. The sector overall has finally recovered all the jobs lost, though that milestone is entirely driven by growth in the federal government.

State and local governments are still deeply in the hole. Hence all those headlines about shortages of teachers, bus drivers, cops, corrections officers, etc.

To be clear, state and local governments have lots of vacancies but are struggling to fill them. This is the result of a collection of factors. The sector's disproportionately older workforce is aging into retirement, for instance. Amid high inflation, wages in the private sector have risen much faster than those in the public sector (which already paid less for many equivalent roles). Some government jobs (public health, education, elections, policing) have also grown much more stressful in recent years.

Government employment is finally back where it was pre-pandemic, but that's entirely driven by the feds

Employment levels indexed to Feb. 2020



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3. They can do it

Despite all those warnings about a "she-cession" setting working women back a generation, working women seem to be doing better than ever. After some stagnation in women's employment early in the 21st century, women ages 25 to 54 are more likely to be working today than at any previous time in history. This is thanks partly to demographic changes, partly to changing social norms and partly to changing working conditions.

The same milestone is not true of men. Prime-age men's labor force participation is back to where it was pre-pandemic, but longer-term, it's been trending downward.

So: Does President Biden deserve credit for these remarkable numbers?

In his remarks Friday afternoon, he certainly claimed as much, saying, "It's Bidenomics, growing the economy from the middle-out, bottom-up, not the top down." In truth, presidents have very limited control over economic conditions, but because he gets blamed for the bad things no matter what, it's hard to chastise him for taking credit for the good ones.

To the extent "Bidenomics" is primarily about manufacturing and industrial policy, though, its fingerprints are not terribly visible in data so far.

When Biden spoke in celebration of the robust hiring numbers, manufacturing was the one and only sector he called out by name. The same was true last month. But the recent hiring numbers show very little growth in the sector, even *before* taking into account the work stoppages related to the United Auto Workers' strike. (If the strike had begun earlier in the month, the report might well have shown job losses rather than gains in the sector.) And over a longer-term horizon, manufacturing job growth since the pandemic began has been weaker than that in the rest of the economy. Other metrics suggest the sector has been contracting for the past 11 consecutive months.

On the other hand: Evidence for claims that Biden is somehow discouraging Americans writ large from working or otherwise hamstringing employers are nowhere evident in the data. Employers are hiring, and Americans are ready to work.

Book objector challenges a Virginia school district

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these books containing detailed sexual content?"

Petersen, 48, is part of a small army of book objectors nationwide. School book challenges reached historic highs in America in 2021 and 2022, according to the American Library Association. And just a handful of people are driving those records. A Washington Post analysis of thousands of challenges nationwide found that 60 percent of all challenges in the 2021-2022 school year came from 11 adults, each of whom objected to dozens — sometimes close to 100 — of books in their districts.

Petersen is one of these serial filers, whose actions have riven her community, earning her fervent admiration and criticism.

The majority of school book objections center on titles by or about LGBTQ individuals or people of color, The Post found. Petersen, though, has just one criterion by which she judges a book. Does it contain material that, under Virginia law, qualifies as sexually explicit, pornographic or obscene? Fewer than a third of the titles she challenged have LGBTQ characters or protagonists of color, according to a Post review of her objections, obtained through a records request from the Spotsylvania district.

Petersen's district has lurched from one book controversy to another in recent years. In 2021, the Spotsylvania school board voted to remove sexually explicit tomes from libraries, with two members suggesting burning them — remarks that drew national scorn. The board later rescinded that decision. Then, this spring, the superintendent pulled 14 books for "sexually explicit material" — including Toni Morrison's "Beloved" — and suggested shutting down school libraries to address budget shortfalls. That proposal went nowhere, but the school board voted to make it easier to yank books with sexual content.

Much of the turmoil has been driven, directly or indirectly, by Petersen. In the decades before she began filing challenges, the district saw almost no objections, maybe one every five to 10 years, library staff said. Now, in addition to her flurry of filings, Petersen attends almost every school board meeting, sometimes reading aloud graphic passages from the books she is challenging — mostly sentences too explicit to be printed in this newspaper.

She claims Spotsylvania had removed 36 of the books she objected to as of early September. A district spokesperson confirmed 35 such removals had taken place as of that date, including the superintendent's 14. Eighteen titles were yanked by librarians before they could go through the review process, and another three were restricted to the high school level. Most of the other books Petersen challenged are now awaiting the superintendent's review, the spokesperson said.

To some, Petersen is a fanatic bent on crushing schools under the weight of prudish objections.

"This whole effort has been a waste of money, time and resources," school board member Nicole Cole said. (The district said it has not tracked the money, time and work it spent responding to Petersen's requests, although a top library staffer estimated that a team of 11 people spent 40 hours per week on her challenges last school year.)

But to others, including some of the district's top leaders, she is a hero. The superintendent, Mark Taylor, wrote in a statement that Petersen has "raised awareness" of sexually explicit content in his libraries. And at least a dozen Spotsylvania parents and area residents, spanning different ethnicities and religions, have coalesced around Petersen as their champion. They note that she is Buddhist, not the Christian fundamentalist some assume. They lament what they call the attacks Petersen has faced online and in person. They see her as a defender of children's innocence.

"She sides with the side of the truth," said Wanda Stroh, who has sent eight children through Spotsylvania schools. "Like a lion, she will protect everything that she believes in and holds dear."

On a recent Tuesday, Petersen trailed a hand across the backs of her 73 verboten titles. She had gathered them together on a squat black shelf.

"Boy Toy," a teen romance that deals with abuse, sat next to "Red, White and Royal Blue," which chronicles an international relationship between the son of an American president and the prince of England. Jodi Picoult's "Nineteen Minutes," a dark novel about a school shooting, nestled close by a collection of Allen Ginsberg poems. Every book bristled with dozens of pastel-colored sticky notes Petersen had pasted in to mark sexual content.

But the job was far from done. She walked to her living room and nodded to a low-slung brown sofa. That, she said, is where she does her book reviewing. Petersen walked closer and pointed with an index finger to a concave dark spot on the couch, about the size of someone sitting cross-legged.

"Yes," she said. "That's from all the reading." In days and weeks to come, she would sit down and deepen it.

One year, 73 books

Petersen grew up hating books. A tomboy, she preferred to play with bugs and climb trees, she said. She found texts assigned at school, such as the works of Shakespeare or snatches of Paradise Lost, mostly boring. The only book she remembers enjoying was Edgar Allan Poe's collected stories, which she appreciated for their special creepiness.

That changed about 15 years ago, around the time Petersen's daughter was born. Petersen had always loved Asian and Middle Eastern culture. When she spotted a novel with two Chinese sisters on the cover in a Ross Dress for Less store, she sat down with it and couldn't stop reading. She finished the book, "Shanghai Girls" by Lisa See, in a day.

As her two children grew up, Petersen, who is a stay-at-home mom, found herself raising a reading family. They each have preferences: Her husband likes science fiction, as does her son. Her daughter prefers fantasies and tales with dragons. And Petersen generally sticks with Asian dramas and histories.

Petersen didn't think about what books were available in schools until two years ago. She had begun attending school board meetings in 2020, first to protest pandemic school closures and then mandatory masking. At one meeting, parents she didn't know rose to denounce the sexual content of two books: "33 Snowfish," which tells the story of homeless teenagers, one of whom is a drug-addicted prostitute while another is on the run from a sexual abuser; and "Call Me By Your Name," centered on a gay relationship.

Their speech spurred board member Rabih Abuismail to comment, "I think we should throw those books in a fire." Another board member, Kirk Twigg, vowed that the board would begin "eradicating this bad stuff."

Petersen, too, was alarmed. If children under 18 read about sex, she worries, they will be more likely to engage in unsafe sex or fall victim to sexual predators.

She understands children can find sexual material online. And she knows some parents think it's okay for their teens to read sexually explicit books. But decisions about when and how to read about sex should be made within the family, she believes, and books with sex scenes certainly shouldn't be available at school, making the lives of parents who want to preserve their kids' innocence that much harder.

Most of all, she just doesn't understand why schools need to stock books with graphic sex scenes, which she defines as anything beyond the "fade-to-black" moment in movies. She never found any such scenes in her school books growing up. She doesn't think steamy or violent sex acts are educational. She has always kept her children from reading books with material like that.

So when she heard about "33 Snowfish," she decided to investigate just what, exactly, was available in her children's schools. She found a host of other concerning books — some of which she identified by checking Spotsylvania's catalogue against lists of most-challenged titles maintained by groups such as the American Library Association, known as ALA.

"It was like, 'Oh, wait, the ALA has a list of banned books.' 'So PEN America keeps a list,' " Petersen said. "It was pretty easy, between social media, regular news media and professional organizations," to find her targets.

At first, her plan was just to read aloud sex scenes from books at school board meetings. She felt confident that, if other adults had to hear the graphic details included in books meant for schoolchildren, they would agree the titles had to go. Instead, dozens of parents, students and teachers spoke up to defend books like "33 Snowfish," calling them vital to entertaining and informing kids in a diverse society.

Gina Terry, a parent and former Spotsylvania English teacher, said in an interview that sexually explicit material is not always harmful — instead, it can be educational. She gave the example of "Sold," a book told from the perspective of a 13-year-old girl sold into sexual slavery. Terry praised the writing as "haunting," although she acknowledged the text deals with complex, difficult and dark subjects.

"There is absolutely discomfort. But the whole point of the book is to bring attention to the real plight of real girls," Terry said. "By saying it needs to be banned, we've taken these real stories about real people and denied them existence on our shelves."

Petersen thought it was better to let people learn about such things after they had come of age. But she was disappointed to find school officials nonresponsive to her concerns: They kept noting that no one had formally challenged any titles in Spotsylvania, she said.

So she started filing challenges.

Her first seven arrived on May 1, 2022. Among her targets were "All Boys Aren't Blue," a memoir about growing up Black and LGBTQ; "Beloved," Morrison's acclaimed novel about slavery; and "Sold." Petersen had read each title, marking sexual passages in yellow highlighter before sticking pink, green, blue and yellow Post-it Notes onto highlighted pages — the same method she used to study at the University of Central Florida, where she majored in psychology.

The early challenges struck the same notes that would ring through Petersen's next 64 objections.

For some titles, she tallied the number of curse words, including language describing human genitalia. For each, she wrote out a short plot summary; eventually, she would write 6,556 words of such synopses. She carefully listed every page she found objectionable. Over the next 14 months, she would identify 1,335 pages as problematic, about 5.5 percent of the 24,172 pages she read.

Petersen read five books a month. The vast majority, she said, she found disgusting.

In that first batch, she wrote of "Beloved": "The book illustrates the horrors of our history. However, the passages outlined do not add to the story and they are sexually explicit."

In some challenges, she cited scientific research to back up her contention children could be harmed by reading about sex acts — in particular a 2020 paper she found in the National Institutes of Health's online library that said "exposure to sexually explicit media in early adolescence had a substantive relationship with risky sexual behavior" in early adulthood.

In that study, the authors suggested one solution would be for schoolteachers and parents to provide teens with "appropriate information on sexuality," including sex education classes. Another study published two years later found that exposure to sexually explicit material made some boys happy and upset some girls, but "the majority of adolescents felt neutral, which suggests that seeing sexually explicit materials is not as distressing as originally thought."

Thousands to go

At a school board meeting on Jan. 9 of this year, 52 book challenges in, Petersen walked to the podium and started reading aloud from "Me and Earl and the Dying Girl," a book about three high school friends, one of whom has leukemia. Petersen had filed an objection to the book two months earlier for graphic, inappropriate content.

She had just finished reciting a passage in which characters discuss how to "eat p---y" and "butthole" — and started on an oral sex scene from another book called "Dead End" — when a school board member, Lorita C. Daniels, interjected and asked for a "point of order," adding, "I just cannot sit here and listen to that."

Twigg, one of the board members who proposed burning books, jumped in to defend Petersen: "There should be no interference by the public to hear what their children have an opportunity, without their knowledge even, to obtain. So we have to hear this out."

Within seconds, the meeting devolved into a shouting match between school board members and people in the audience, including Petersen, who at one point yelled, "It's in our schools! . . . You oversee these schools!" After the chaos led to a brief recess, board member Cole asked the board to vote on whether "what Ms. Petersen is reading out loud . . . is offensive and therefore breaks the rules of decorum." But the board's conservative majority overruled her.

To Petersen, it was a moment of triumph: School board members' discomfort was proof the books should not be in school libraries, she felt.

To Cole and other school officials, it was yet more evidence of how Petersen is disrupting the district.

Cole said the district has lost staff members because of what Petersen is doing, although she could not provide an exact number. The district did not answer questions asking about Petersen's effect on its personnel.

Kimberly Allen, library liaison and high school librarian for the district, estimates that, last school year, fielding Petersen's challenges required 40 hours of labor per week from her and a team of 10 high school librarians, work they mostly did on their own time, late in the evening and on weekends, because they still had to keep up with their regular jobs. Neither she nor her colleagues received overtime pay, Allen said.

Per school district policy, each challenge at a campus required the principal, sometimes working with librarians, to form a school-level review committee comprising a half-dozen teachers and parents. Each committee recommended keeping the titles, Allen said.

But Petersen appealed every decision, leading to the formation of a district-level review committee, comprising another handful of teachers and parents — these selected by the Office of Teaching and Learning. Those panels, too, recommended keeping the books.

The superintendent has the final say: He intervened to pull 14 books this spring. Another 29 books await his verdict. (Five are still at the district committee stage.) So far, none of Petersen's challenges has been rejected outright.

Then there are the 18 books Petersen challenged that librarians pulled before they could go through the review process, Allen said. She said those books were removed as part of routine winnowing, some because of lack of interest, others for being outdated or in poor condition, and a handful for — yes — sexual or age-inappropriate content. Allen said she herself weeded out two books Petersen identified as problematic, "Anatomy of a Boyfriend" and "Anatomy of a Single Girl," both teen romance novels, because "they were too mature, too adult for high school."

But that does not mean Allen agrees with Petersen. In "most of the books [she challenged], we do not agree with her assessment, because . . . you cannot base the merit of a book on just its parts," Allen said. "She is weighing the whole book on single passages."

Allen said that, among school librarians, Petersen "is not popular." She added: "Maybe she's a good person, doing this for the right reasons. But she's doing it the wrong way."

Elsewhere, though, she has earned a strong core of supportive admirers.

She gained two best friends: Stroh, the mother of eight, and Jessica Rohrabacher, 42, a devout Christian with two children, one an attendee and one a graduate of Spotsylvania schools. They each found Petersen through her advocacy at board meetings. The three women have formed a book challenge support group. Stroh and Rohrabacher accompany Petersen to board meetings. She also regularly texts or calls the other two — sometimes past midnight — to ask their advice on whether something qualifies as sexually explicit. Or just for company, as she wades through an especially dark book.

"She means the world to me," Rohrabacher said. "She's been my rock."

Stroh said: "We have relied on her strength to come out there for the past two years, day in and day out. But I also see on a personal level the fragility . . . sometimes she's at her breaking point."

Petersen said she faces harassment online, including dozens of insulting messages she shared with The Post. In one exchange, commenters called her a "witch" and a "boil" that needed lancing.

But she has no intention of stopping.

Petersen will keep filing challenges "as long as it takes . . . to get the sexually explicit books out," she said. "To make it so that they cannot come back."

Between May 1, 2022, and Feb. 27, 2023, Petersen read:

24,172
pages

73
books (she challenged 71)

This is about 5 books per month

Petersen found objectionable:

1,335
pages

5.5%
of what she read

Her book challenges totaled:

434
pages (longer than most of the books she challenged)

As part of the challenge process, Petersen wrote book summaries totaling:

6,556
words

TOP: Jennifer Petersen holds a stack of books that she has challenged, with "sexual content" marked with dozens of colorful sticky notes. ABOVE: Spotsylvania County School Board member Nicole Cole, right, speaks during a meeting in August. In the spring, 14 books were pulled for "sexually explicit material" and the board voted to make it easier to yank books.

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Hours after protective order, a D.C. woman dies

Overwhelmed system can leave abuse victims to handle bureaucracies

BY PETER HERMANN

Patricia Johnson, it seems, did everything she could to separate from her boyfriend, who she accused of abusing her.

She repeatedly called D.C. police and sought help from the court system.

Despite those efforts, however, authorities said 46-year-old Desmond L. Thurston fatally shot Johnson, 52, on Oct. 1 in her home, hours after he was served with a court-issued temporary protective order barring him from being near Johnson or her property.

Johnson's death — she was shot in her head and chest inside her clapboard duplex at the far southern edge of the District — was another reminder of a domestic-violence prevention system overwhelmed with people desperately seeking help, and one that leaves them largely on their own to navigate police and court bureaucracies.

"We have a victim that had multiple prior domestic violence incidents, that had reached out for help and done all the things we ask victims to do," said Micaela Deming, policy director for the D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence. "And the city still couldn't keep her safe. And that, unfortunately, is not unusual."

On average, nearly 500 people per month file petitions for temporary protective orders in the District, according to a D.C. Superior Court spokesman.

Petitioners, almost always women, are given copies of the orders by court employees so they can attempt to serve the paperwork on their alleged abusers, typically by hiring a private process server. They can also request that D.C. police serve the documents, although advocates say that can sometimes take days.

Even when protective orders are served — as was done in Johnson's case — D.C. police caution on their tip sheets for abused women that paperwork alone cannot prevent someone from violating the order, and "cannot make the abuse stop."

Temporary protective orders are valid for two weeks, providing time to schedule a court hearing at which the accused can tell their side of the story. A judge then decides whether the order is extended.

Natalia Otero, co-founder and

SEE **ORDER** ON **B4**

The thrill of victory ... and the agony of the feet

Fairfax County starts middle-school sports program with cross-country

BY KARINA ELWOOD

Before the stampede of tweens rounded the track, Coach Matthew Moore explained the goals of Monday's practice. The idea, he said, was to get used to running two miles continuously, something that was new to many of the middle-schoolers on the cross-country team.

But, as with many activities for 12- and 13-year-olds, some of the kids' reason for circling the track was hanging out with friends as much as running.

The coaches, teachers and administrators at Sandburg Middle School already knew that. In fact, creating opportunities to make friends and build community was part of the reason Fairfax County Public Schools decided to introduce sports to its middle schools for the first time this year.

"It's really great to see students bring this idea of camaraderie and teamwork into the classroom, into the school, and that's where we're hoping that's going to build that momentum," Principal Eric Underhill said.

Fairfax launched its inaugural middle-school sports program last month, welcoming thousands of sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders to their school's cross-country teams.

District spokeswoman Julie Moult said middle schools didn't offer athletics because community sports programs in the area were so robust and popular. But Fairfax Superintendent Michelle Reid, who came to the district last year, said she wanted a more equitable policy. Now students can exercise and bond with their neighbors without pay-to-play community sports, which often require fees and transportation.

In March, the school board agreed to allocate $600,000 in the budget for middle-schoolers to hit the ground running — literally. So far, the cross-country

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FROM TOP: Middle school cross-country runners take off in a group training session at Sandburg Middle School in Alexandria. Christian Taylor, 13, left, and Meaghan Afrifah, 12, on a fence; Jax Cooper, 13, after a sprint.

MCPS moved official twice

HE CLOSED ALLEGED MISCONDUCT PROBE

Second reassignment comes after Post inquiry

BY ALEXANDRA ROBBINS AND NICOLE ASBURY

Montgomery County Public Schools in recent weeks has twice moved Khalid Walker, the investigator who closed an inquiry into misconduct allegations against former Farquhar Middle School principal Joel Beidleman, into new jobs — most recently on Friday, hours after The Washington Post sent questions asking why he had received a raise and a new position.

The Post reported in August that educators and parents complained to the school district at least 18 times in seven years about alleged sexual harassment, bullying and retaliation by Beidleman — and that Walker had ended an investigation into the principal in July by saying he had found no wrongdoing. After that story, Walker had an out-of-office message on his email for several weeks.

Last week, Walker's internal bio page on MCPS's website said he had a new job as acting assistant general counsel. Spokesman Chris Cram confirmed Friday about 4 p.m. that Walker had been moved to the general counsel's office and given an $11,893 raise.

Three hours later, Cram texted a Post reporter and said that Walker had again been moved — now to "a special assignment position within the Office of Human Resources and Development at his previous salary of $132,661."

Asked why the district had made the sudden change, Cram said Walker had first been moved "based on his skill set but that assignment was reevaluated by the Office of Human Resources and Development."

Several witnesses alleged disturbing details to Walker about Beidleman's harassment of a social studies teacher, according to The Post's investigation, including late-night texts telling her to "Come be with me" in a hotel room and a suggestion in front of three colleagues that she "should just f--- me." When she took a leave from her job and Beidleman called her repeatedly to say the

SEE **WALKER** ON **B3**

Washington mourns with Israel, calls for peace

Pro-Palestinian rally draws others who see 'new moment' in struggle

BY LUZ LAZO AND JESSICA CONTRERA

Sam Lilek returned from Tel Aviv a few days ago to vacation with his parents in the Maryland suburbs. By Saturday, he was grieving as he saw the images of explosions and bloody bodies in Israel, where he has been studying for the past two years.

"I'm obviously distraught. People are scared and angry," said Lilek, 31, a student at Tel Aviv University. He attended a somber vigil Sunday at Temple Sinai in Northwest Washington to honor those killed in the attack by Hamas.

Across the Washington region, members of the Jewish and Palestinian communities and their supporters responded to the escalation in violence. At least 700 Israelis were killed Saturday, and as of Sunday, Israel had officially declared war against Hamas, which rules the Gaza Strip.

At synagogues and churches on Sunday, congregants and religious leaders prayed for peace. In front of the White House, a few hundred pro-Palestinian protesters called for the end of U.S. aid to Israel.

Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) pledged support for the Israeli people and the Jewish community in Washington as she announced stepped-up police patrols at houses of worship and embassies.

"We join those around the world in calling for peace, condemning the tragic attack on Israel," Bowser said Sunday on the social media platform X, formerly known as Twitter. "We pray for an end to this bloodshed."

Synagogues across the region were filled with worshipers. They said memorial prayers. They sang "What a Wonderful World" and hymns of hope, healing and people coming together. Those from other faiths joined them.

Together, they cried.

"It's terrifying. It's upsetting," said Linda Hirsch, a retired social worker from Bethesda, whose husband was a Holocaust survivor. "I worry for a place that I love dearly."

Rabbi Jonathan Roos of Temple Sinai condemned the attack, calling the Hamas militant group "an antisemitic, fundamentalist mass murder organization." Temple Sinai, he said, is a progressive congregation that has vocally opposed Israel's occupation of the West Bank, supporting peace with Palestinians and the peaceful creation of a Palestinian state

SEE **ISRAEL** ON **B4**

AMANDA ANDRADE-RHOADES FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

People gather near the Lincoln Memorial to demonstrate their support for Israel after the deadly violence overseas.

Two young men injured in Bowie State shooting

Incident occurs amid festivities during homecoming weekend

BY NICK ANDERSON AND MARTIN WEIL

Two 19-year-old men were injured Saturday night in a shooting at Bowie State University as the Prince George's County school was celebrating homecoming weekend, police said. The incident led to a three-hour campus lockdown, the cancellation of classes and an outpouring of concern from Maryland officials.

It was the second shooting within a week to occur during homecoming festivities at a historically Black university in Maryland, following an outbreak of gunfire Tuesday night at Morgan State University in Baltimore that wounded five people.

Police said at a news conference Sunday that they do not believe the two shootings were connected. The victims were not Bowie State students, police said, and a Morgan State spokesman said they were not affiliated with that university either.

Col. Roland L. Butler Jr., superintendent of the Maryland State Police, said the gunshot wounds the two men suffered were not believed to be life-threatening. "We believe there are no further threats to the campus or the public at this point," Butler said. "We also believe the shooting was an isolated incident."

The Bowie State campus was locked down immediately after the shooting, with an order to shelter in place, from shortly before midnight until about 3 a.m. Sunday, when authorities gave an all-clear. University President Aminta H. Breaux said classes will be canceled Monday as the campus recovers from the shock.

SEE **SHOOTING** ON **B2**

EDUCATION

Fairfax County gets middle-school sports program on course with cross-country

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season has been well received by students and their parents, school leaders said. Nearly 2,000 students participated in the district's first meet last Saturday. The season runs through October. Then track will begin in the spring.

The introduction of middle-school sports comes as schools around the country face a mental health crisis, fueled in part by the isolation and disruption students felt during the pandemic. Nationally, 70 percent of schools have reported an uptick in students asking for mental health services since the pandemic started.

In Fairfax County, about 17 percent of sixth-graders reported feeling stressed most or all of the time, and about 62 percent reported experiencing stress a little or some of the time, according to the county's 2023 youth survey, conducted in November and December 2022. Nearly 30 percent of sixth-graders reported feeling so sad or hopeless almost every day for two or more weeks in a row that they stopped doing usual activities.

Reid said she hopes athletics will boost mental and physical wellness in the district's 23 middle schools.

"It's just part of a healthy lifestyle as we think about our young people moving into adolescence and then graduating and becoming citizens," Reid said in an interview. "We're in a mental health crisis in many ways, and also a fitness crisis in this country. It's really important for students to be active and engaged, and we're just excited for that possibility."

At practice on Monday, Moore explained the day's routine. Don't go too fast, he said. Aim for four laps around the track and field. He knew that many of the nearly 50 runners present had competed in the first meet just days earlier.

"Hey, 'Panthers' on three. Let's be really loud," he said. "1, 2, 3 …"

"Panthers!" the kids shouted, before their Nikes hit the asphalt.

Studies show the benefits that physical activity can have for school performance. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, physically active students tend to have better grades, school attendance, cognitive performance and classroom behaviors. Studies also show that participating in youth sports can provide a wide range of social benefits, such as improving mental health, building confidence, and developing key skills like teamwork and leadership.

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Wyatt Sutton, 12, runs during training. Claire Brown, 13, cheers on fellow runners at Sandburg Middle School. Middle-schoolers run during practice. Fairfax County Public Schools decided to introduce sports in middle schools to foster community.

Tyesha Augustin, Sandburg's athletic coordinator, said the school is already seeing the positive effects of the cross-country team. Students run up to her in the hallway asking how they can get involved, and parents are just as eager to find ways to help. She sees the runners sitting together at lunch — friends they may not have met otherwise. She's heard the kids encourage each other and seen many building confidence with every practice.

"Kids now have a reason to be seen and feel seen," Augustin said. "It's not just, 'I'm a student at the school,' it's 'I'm a student-athlete,' and there's benefits that can take you down the line."

Meaghan Afrifah, 12, didn't really like running when she first joined the team, but the best friends she's made in the first weeks of practice have made her want to keep coming back.

"I like meeting new people that are actually really cool," Meaghan said. "And I like to see people outside, like, not using their phones."

Reid said the school district plans to continue investing in middle-school sports and hopes to expand the offerings in coming years.

Middle-school sports are fairly common. Nearby Prince William and Arlington counties offer a variety of sports including tennis, football, soccer, basketball and wrestling. In the District, middle-school students can choose from a range of sports including bowling, archery and baseball.

Other school districts are just now following suit. Baltimore City Public Schools piloted a middle-school sports program last year before launching the full program this year, and Alexandria City Public Schools, which does not offer middle-school sports, floated a proposal last month to introduce athletics to its middle schools as well.

"Coming out of covid, I really believe that our kids need more programming," James Parker, athletic director at ACPS, said at the Sept. 21 school board meeting. "They need more opportunities to be able to learn leadership, healthy habits, those types of things, and also be around positive role models, stay off the streets."

The board will consider funding for the proposal, which would add 10 sports over a three-year period, during budget discussions in the spring.

Back at Monday's practice, after about an hour of running in the lingering heat, the students' feet slowed to a walk. They paced the track with their hands on their heads. They sprawled out on the green turf, stomachs rising and falling, still heavy with breath.

Practice was coming to a close, but not before a water break and catch-up with friends.

Claire Brown, 13, joined the team at Sandburg to stay active during offseason for lacrosse, which she plays outside of school. Running was not her "strong suit," but she said she can already feel herself building endurance and getting better.

The encouragement from friends on the team has helped.

"They'd be, like, hyping you up, and they're like: 'Oh, come on. You got you got a little more left in you,'" Brown said. "It's just like everybody encouraging everybody. 'You got a little more left. You can do this, push a little harder. You got there.'"

Two 19-year-olds injured in shooting at Bowie State

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Breaux said Gov. Wes Moore (D) and other state and local officials had relayed their concerns.

"We're going to take this one day at a time," Breaux said. "We're not used to this here at Bowie State University."

For several days, Bowie State had marked its homecoming week with festivities leading up to a football game Saturday afternoon against Virginia State University, followed by a music festival, a jazz and comedy event, and an after-party. "For a week our campus was filled with nothing but happiness and joy," Breaux said.

It is common for homecoming events at historically Black colleges and universities to draw attendance from people who are not directly connected to the host university. Saturday at Bowie State was no exception. State troopers from the College Park Barrack were helping Bowie State with security.

At 11:30 p.m., troopers responded to reports of gunfire on campus, along with officers from Prince George's County and Bowie State police. The victims, whom police did not identify, were found in front of the university's Center for Business and Graduate Studies and taken to a hospital for treatment, police said. Maj. Kenny Brown of the state police said investigators recovered a weapon at the scene, but Brown did not describe it.

"We do not know what led up to the actual shooting," he said. "Preliminarily we believe that there was more than one shooter."

Brown urged the public to provide police with video footage or other information, and he gave a tip line: 301-860-4688. "We understand that some students also may have some social media video that is important," he said.

Bowie State University, with about 6,300 students, is halfway between Washington and Annapolis, and is roughly equidistant from Washington and Baltimore.

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Texas governor, AG sued over hairstyle suspension

Black sudent was barred from class and sports for over 3 weeks, suit says

BY BRITTANY SHAMMAS AND KIM BELLWARE

The family of a Black student suspended from his Texas high school over the way he wears his hair is suing the state's governor and attorney general, arguing that they have failed to enforce a new law prohibiting hair discrimination.

Darryl George was barred from classes and football at Barbers Hill High School for more than three weeks, according to a complaint filed last month in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. While serving an in-school suspension, the 17-year-old junior was kept from his peers, forced to sit on a stool in a cubicle and made to complete schoolwork alone. District officials also threatened to move him to an alternative school if he does not change his hair, the complaint said.

School officials say George is violating the dress code, which requires that boys keep their hair from growing beyond their eyebrows and earlobes. He wears locs "as an outward expression of his Black identity and culture," according to the lawsuit, and they contain strands of hair from his father and stepfather.

He refuses to cut them.

The dispute at the school in Mont Belvieu, Tex., roughly 30 miles east of Houston, comes as school and workplace dress codes face scrutiny over from civil rights advocates who argue that they can be discriminatory along racial, cultural or religious grounds. The same week George was pulled out of class, a law aimed at preventing hair-based discrimination took effect in Texas.

MICHAEL WYKE/AP

COURTESY OF DARRESHA GEORGE

ABOVE: Darryl George and his mother Darresha George. RIGHT: Darryl wears his hair in locs and was suspended for it.

The Crown Act — versions of which have passed in at least 24 states — mandates that school dress codes do not "discriminate against a hair texture or protective hairstyle commonly or historically associated with race."

The complaint filed by the George family argues that Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (R) and Attorney General Ken Paxton (R) have a duty to ensure that the law was followed.

But, it says, "the Defendants have done nothing."

Representatives for Abbott and Paxton did not immediately respond to requests for comment. A spokesperson for the Barbers Hill Independent School District told Houston-based KTRK-TV last month that the teen's suspension is because of his hair length, not style.

The district asked a court to weigh in on whether its dress code violates the Crown Act, CNN reported on Sept. 20.

"Although we believe the new law does not govern hair length, we are asking the judicial system of Texas to interpret," Barbers Hill Superintendent Greg Poole said in a statement shared with the outlet.

The lawsuit, filed by George's mother, Darresha George, calls for Abbott and Paxton to be compelled to stop the district and others in Texas from disciplining students due to locs and other protective styles. Through a representative, Darresha George and her attorney, Allie Booker, declined The Washington Post's request for comment.

This is not the first time the district has been sued over allegations that its policy is discriminatory against Black students. Three years before the Crown Act passed, the school suspended De'Andre Arnold and Kaden Bradford for keeping their hair in dreadlocks. Like George, both students were placed on in-school suspension and risked being forced into an alternative school unless they cut their hair.

Arnold, 18 at the time, would also have been barred from prom and graduation if he did not cut his hair. He ultimately transferred districts.

Bradford, 16 at the time, sued the district, alleging that the policy violated his civil rights. In 2021, a federal court granted an injunction preventing the district from enforcing the hair-length policy against Bradford.

The case is still pending.

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Tomorrow, Oct. 10 on *Washington Post Live*:

Malcolm Jenkins on 'What Winners Won't Tell You' and athlete activism

Malcolm Jenkins is a two-time Super Bowl champion, entrepreneur and social justice activist. On Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 3:00 p.m. ET, Jenkins joins *Washington Post* sports columnist Jerry Brewer to talk about his memoir, "What Winners Won't Tell You," protesting the national anthem while in the NFL and his ongoing work to reform the criminal justice system.

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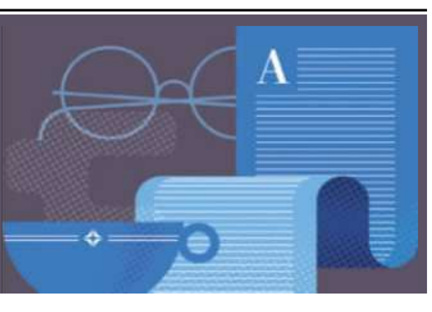

I've got beef with Burger King over its advertisement's apostrophe misuse

John Kelly's Washington

Do you remember Burger King's "Have it you're way" ad campaign?

Of course you don't. It was "Have it your way." Back then — 1974, the web informs me — Burger King knew how to use an apostrophe. Today, not so much.

I'm afraid this is another thrilling installment in "As the Apostrophe Turns," my long, lonely crusade against the misuse of everyone's favorite possessive punctuation mark. But the apostrophe doesn't serve only to signal possession; it also indicates when a letter has been removed. *You're* is short for *you are*.

And *'em* is short for *them*.

Note the composition of that apostrophe. It floats up there like a tiny number 9, or as the Beatles put it, "Number nine, number nine, number nine . . ."

It does *not* float up there like a tiny number 6, which is how it appeared in a Burger King commercial I saw the other day on my television.

The ad was for a Whopper Jr. promotion. The conceit was that you could get two of the baby burgers for a mere $5: one for you and one for a friend. But — spoiler alert! — you'd probably want to consume the pair yourself. Or, as the text on the screen put it:

JK YOU
ATE 'EM
BOTH

I grabbed my remote, rewound, paused and took a photo. This was the Zapruder film to me, even if the JK stood for "Just kidding," not "John Kelly."

This must not stand, or — to keep with the theme — it mustn't stand.

Look, I don't care if civilians get it wrong. But Burger King is a multibillion-dollar company that presumably paid millions of dollars to a big ad agency to come up with that commercial. And *they* don't bother to get it right?

It's not as if Burger King doesn't have a close and loving relationship with the apostrophe. In Australia, the chain is known as Hungry Jack's. If I was to quote a Cockney saying that, I'd write: *Ooh, luv. Shall we go to 'ungry Jack's?*

I would not write: *Ooh, luv. Shall we go to 'ungry Jack's?*

Still, I wouldn't say that the company that owns Burger King and Hungry Jack's — Restaurant Brands International — is *overly* enamored with the apostrophe. Among its other brands are Tim Hortons and Popeyes — not Tim Horton's and Popeye's.

I emailed the fast-food chain and its ad agency — Chicago-based OKRP — seeking comment but didn't hear back. But, really, what are they going to say? We didn't know it was wrong? We knew and didn't care?

Still, I do like their burgers.

Mistakes were made

I've found that one surefire way to make a mistake is to point out someone else's error. That's why most journalists are afraid to do that. Every error we see — every A-section correction we read — carries strong "There but for the grace of God go I" vibes.

There are vast swaths of grammar that I'm a bit shaky on. So sweaty do I get just thinking about "lay" and "lie" that I deliberately write around any usage of them. As for "who" vs. "whom," howm should I know?

Really, the only hill I'm willing to die on is Mount Apostrophe. That's because it isn't that hard!

What about you? Is there a hill you're willing to die on? I mean, not *literally*. Or maybe "literally" — the misuse thereof — is exactly the hill you're willing to die on. Is there a seemingly inconsequential thing that raises your hackles every time you encounter it? Send the details — with "My death hill" in the subject line — to me at *john.kelly@washpost.com*.

Flushed with pride

This isn't exactly a death hill to me, but I do appreciate a nice lock on a public bathroom. Give me a twirly knob that locks sturdily and announces "Occupied" or "Vacant."

JOHN KELLY/THE WASHINGTON POST

See the apostrophe in this television ad? It's facing the wrong way.

This isn't just for when I'm, um, in the hot seat, but also for when I'm on the outside. I'm still scarred from the time I opened the rusty restroom door on a ferry crossing Lake Champlain.

This is all a roundabout way of announcing that the new restrooms at Baltimore-Washington International Marshall Airport took top honors last month at the 2023 America's Best Restroom contest, sponsored by Cintas Corp.

I wrote about the facilities — in Concourses B and C — in July. Designed by AECOM, they're practically worth missing your flight over. The prize includes an UltraClean(!) from Cintas and $2,500 in cleaning supplies.

And, of course, the BWI bathrooms now take their place in America's Best Restroom Hall of Fame. They're No. 1 for Nos. 1 and 2.

Some surprised by official's new role

WALKER FROM **B1**

absence looked "suspicious," Walker told her the actions qualified as "harassment," according to the teacher and a contemporaneous message she sent a co-worker about the conversation. Nevertheless, Walker found that Beidleman did not violate MCPS's sexual harassment policy and closed the case.

Walker referred questions to the district's spokesman. Beidleman did not answer a request to comment for this article. MCPS would not say if Schools Superintendent Monifa B. McKnight had approved the moves.

A reporter for The Post learned about Walker's new position in the general counsel's office Thursday.

Four former central office employees said that because Walker was elevated from an "N" level position to an "O" position, the move was a promotion because it comes with a raise and access to higher-level resources. The central office employees spoke on the condition of anonymity because they fear retribution by the school system.

In a first exchange of messages about the move Friday afternoon, Cram, the spokesman, said, "We don't see it as a promotion; he was literally swapped into an open position. However, because he is using his credentials as a lawyer, the position does earn an amount that is more than he was making previously."

Observers of MCPS were surprised about Walker's job in the general counsel's office. The posting "shows complete disregard and disrespect for the situation and for the victims," said a teacher who told Walker that Beidleman bullied and sexually harassed Farquhar educators. "Why even bother doing an investigation if they're going to continue to promote people who allow these behaviors to continue?"

Another teacher, who told the district that Beidleman sexually harassed her, said that learning about Walker's new role was "revictimizing." The teachers spoke on the condition of anonymity because they feared retaliation by the school district. "They don't even have remorse or care about what I or anybody has gone through. McKnight said she reached out to us. Nobody reached out to me," she said.

Then, hours after confirming Walker's new job to The Post, MCPS said it had reduced his salary and moved him to a new assignment in the human resources department.

Walker was originally placed in the general counsel's office to fill an opening created by the departure of Danielle Miller, whom MCPS named acting director of Walker's old unit, the Department of Compliance and Investigations, Cram said. Michaele Simmons, Walker's former supervisor and the director of the department, is on leave, Cram confirmed, but he said he could not share the specifics about the leave. Simmons ran the office while it received multiple reports alleging that Beidleman sexually harassed, bullied and retaliated against staff. Simmons and Miller did not immediately answer requests to comment for this article.

Beidleman was promoted to run Paint Branch High School in Burtonsville early this summer, despite the 18 reports MCPS had received about his alleged misconduct. McKnight has said she was "not aware that there was an internal investigation against Dr. Joel Beidleman at the time of his promotion." The county school board has directed her to implement "a corrective action plan" so the district takes future abuse claims more seriously and keeps better track of investigations when promoting staff.

Still, four former central office employees told The Post that McKnight would have been aware of — and would have had to approve — her district's recent move of Walker to an O level position with a raise. "There's no way that McKnight wouldn't have known, procedurally and especially given what a key figure he is in all this, in the middle of a storm. It couldn't have slipped through," one former central office employee said.

Beidleman's former supervisor, associate superintendent of schools and well-being Diane Morris, is on administrative leave and receiving pay, Cram confirmed. Morris, the principal of Farquhar before Beidleman, was listed as the executive leader overseeing Beidleman's standard five-year evaluation during the 2022-2023 school year, according to a confidential internal school district document obtained by The Post. At least six people separately informed the Department of Compliance and Investigation in 2023 of Beidleman's misconduct. The Post was unable to reach Morris on Friday, but she has not responded to previous questions.

The personnel moves occurred about two weeks after Montgomery County Inspector General Megan Davey Limarzi said her office would open two investigative inquiries into the school system: The first will scrutinize the school district's handling of misconduct complaints against school system employees, and the second will look into all allegations of misconduct by Beidleman received by July 2023 — as well as any previous allegations that were not investigated.

Cram added Friday afternoon that while an investigation was underway, "it's important to put [Walker] in a different spot at this moment."

In an Aug. 17 video statement, McKnight said about the investigation, "If there is any rot, we will root it out. But I want to make it clear to everyone, there will be accountability."

Robbins, a freelance journalist, has been a substitute teacher in Montgomery County in a different school cluster from the ones described in this article.

LOCAL DIGEST

THE DISTRICT

Man fatally shot in Brightwood, police say

D.C. police are investigating after a man was fatally shot Saturday afternoon in the Brightwood area, officials said.

Police said they were called about 1:30 p.m. to the 5500 block of Seventh Street NW. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene, officials said.

The shooting occurred just a few blocks east of Open Streets Georgia Avenue, where a three-mile-long stretch of the road was closed to vehicles. The event featured activities including yoga, musical performances and bike repair clinics.

— Lauren Lumpkin

MARYLAND

Police: Son charged in man's shooting death

A 57-year-old man was shot and killed Saturday night in Olney, police said, and his son was charged with murder.

Montgomery County police received a report of gunfire at 8:24 p.m. on the 4500 block of Mount Olney Lane. Police mobilized a SWAT unit after learning the suspect was armed inside the residence where he lived with his grandparents.

When the unit entered, police said Sunday, they found Michael Wayne Stull, of Georgia, had been shot. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Nicholas Marquis Stull, 25, was arrested and charged with first-degree murder and other counts, police said. He was treated at a hospital for a self-inflicted gunshot wound that was not life-threatening, police said.

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Israeli-Palestinian conflict sets off activism in D.C.

MICHAEL A. MCCOY FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Demonstrators assemble near the White House on Sunday. The rally drew some who advocate for the end of U.S. aid to Israel.

ISRAEL FROM **B1**

alongside Israel.

"And that is exactly why we condemn Israel's attackers," Roos said, adding that the attacks have shaken the Jewish community in Washington. Many at Temple Sinai have relatives in Israel or travel there to study, begin their careers or to connect with their religion and people.

Negotiations for a two-state solution between Israel and the Palestinians have been stalled for years — and while the violence appeared to erupt suddenly Saturday, it followed more than a year of escalating tensions in the West Bank and Gaza. This year alone has seen a spike in deadly attacks against both Israelis and Palestinians.

Hamas said the operation was in response to the years-long blockade of Gaza, as well as recent Israeli military raids in the West Bank and violence at al-Aqsa Mosque, a disputed religious site in Jerusalem known to Jews as the Temple Mount.

"Antisemitism and the hatred of Jews is a part of this," Roos said in an interview. "Anyone who is inclined to sympathize with Hamas in this situation really needs to reckon with and confront the reality of their antisemitism and their hatred."

The scene at the Northwest Washington synagogue was one of many playing out across the Jewish world on a weekend that normally is full of joy and celebration of Shabbat and Shemini Atzeret, a Jewish holiday. At Adas Israel Congregation in Cleveland Park, congregants were planning an emergency response to raise funds to support the victims.

"Tragically, we've once again waked up to the news of war in our beloved Israel," Adas leaders said to congregants.

They continued:

"Yes, we will pray for a swift end to this latest fighting."

"Yes, we will pray for a lasting peace, a different future."

"Yes, we will pray for our families and friends who will once again suffer terrible loss."

"Yes, we will pray for the safe return of those held captive."

"Yes, we will reach out to our loved ones deeply and directly impacted."

While they prayed, a rally in front of the White House swelled to a few hundred pro-Palestinian protesters.

They were watched closely by about a dozen Secret Service officers, and later escorted by D.C. police officers. But the gathering, which included singing, chanting and dancing, remained peaceful. No counterprotesters appeared to be present.

The All Out for Palestinian Territories rally was organized by groups including Party for Socialism and Liberation, Palestinian Youth Movement, Maryland 2 Palestinian territories and others, according to a news release. It was among dozens of similar protests planned across the country.

Calling the day a "moment of victory," organizers led chants calling for independent Palestinian territories and the end of U.S. funding for Israel. Some said they felt more hopeful about the future of Palestinian territories now than they had over their lifetimes.

"To put it simply, this moment is a new moment in our struggle, the struggle of the Palestinian people," said Yasin Shami, 29.

Some protesters carried heart-shaped signs pasted with pictures of Palestinian children who have been killed in recent years of the decades-long conflict.

One was carried by Leslie Angeline, 66, who was visiting the District from California. She flew in this month to protest the war in Ukraine and said she was among those arrested at the office of Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) last week.

She protested her first war, Vietnam, at age 14. In between strolling the city and dining at Busboys and Poets, she wanted to be part of a response when she saw the declaration of another war in the news.

"I don't support the violence on either side," Angeline said. "But I don't think it's unprovoked. It is heartbreaking and an absolute tragedy that it has come to this."

Shortly before 2:30 p.m. Sunday, the crowd, still a few hundred strong, began marching. As they left the White House grounds and moved south along 17th Street, they were met by a half-dozen D.C. police vehicles. Police redirected traffic.

"End detention, stop the crimes, Israel out of Palestinian territories," the crowd chanted as it passed the Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

The gravity of the moment also was felt in Christian churches Sunday, where leaders prayed for Israelis and peace in the Middle East. Many condemned the attacks.

In Gaithersburg, pastor Dale O'Shields opened his congregation's four services this weekend with a prayer for Israel and encouraged congregants at Church of the Redeemer — one of the largest Christian churches in Montgomery County — to continue to pray for peace in that part of the world.

"We certainly want to pray for that portion of the world, that God's peace rests upon it," O'Shields said Sunday morning. "We ask the Lord for a miraculous breakthrough and a miraculous peace to come that will be a lasting peace."

Lilek, who has a flight back to Israel in two weeks, said the attack and war won't stop him from returning to get his postgraduate degree. This weekend he was fielding messages from friends there who were being called up as reservists in the Israeli army.

"I love Israel. It has been a great place to live, and right now my life is there," he said. "I want to go back and continue. And any Israeli would tell you that you can't let these sorts of terrorism interfere."

Killing bares abuse prevention issues

ORDER FROM **B1**

executive director of DC Safe, which assists victims of domestic violence, said authorities should assess cases less on whether a person who was abused followed proper court procedures and more on "the mind-set of the person doing the harm."

Otero, whose group does lethality assessments on domestic violence cases and consults with police on calls in real time, said the system should give more attention to extreme risk cases.

"We need to start doing better by survivors to coordinate resources and have these situations managed on a timely basis for survivors that are at a higher risk for homicides," she said.

Advocates say protective orders are important first steps in confronting abusers and holding them to account. Deming, of the D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence, called the orders "tremendously helpful" in lowering tensions and giving people breathing space to separate and regroup. But she noted that "protection orders aren't a single solution," but rather "a piece of a safety plan."

In the end, though, a temporary protective order couldn't stop Johnson from being killed. She "jumped through all the hoops" to get help, Deming said, and "the result was still her death."

Police said they arrested Thurston shortly after the killing when he approached officers about a mile from Johnson's home and surrendered. In an arrest affidavit filed in Superior Court, police said Thurston confessed to the killing, which he told detectives occurred after Johnson accused him of cheating on her.

The U.S. attorney's office in the District charged Thurston with second-degree murder. A Superior Court judge ordered him detained and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 16. Thurston's attorney, Steven R. Kiersh, declined to comment. A woman who identified herself as Thurston's sister, reached by phone Friday, said, "He is innocent, that is all I can say." She declined to comment further.

As of Friday, Johnson was among the latest of 217 homicide victims in D.C. so far this year, up 38 percent from the same time period in 2022.

Efforts to reach relatives of Johnson were unsuccessful. Court documents and D.C. police reports catalogue a long history of reported abuse, threats and other turmoil involving the couple. Before the killing, police had arrested Thurston on a domestic violence-related charge involving Johnson.

In January 2020, during an argument over shared property, police said, they charged Thurston with assault after Johnson accused him of punching her in the left eye. Police said Thurston alleged that Johnson had also struck him, but officers said they found no evidence of that and determined that Thurston was the primary aggressor.

Court documents show that prosecutors dropped the charge against Thurston shortly before a scheduled trial in May 2020. No explanation was given, and a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office for D.C. said that as a matter of policy, the office does not comment on charging decisions.

In October 2021, D.C. police said they responded to a report of the couple loudly arguing — a dispute over gas for a vehicle, as it turned out. A police spokeswoman said officers found no probable cause for an arrest. Johnson, in the petition for a temporary protective order that she filed days before she was killed, said Thurston had threatened to shoot her in the face. But there is no mention of that allegation in a D.C. police report filed at the time of the incident.

Johnson also wrote in her protective order petition that Thurston had threatened her and destroyed her property during August and September 2022. D.C. police said they have no reports of calls regarding those allegations.

On Sept. 28, Johnson called police and told them her boyfriend threatened to kill her, according to a summary of her protective order that is included in the police affidavit used to obtain an arrest warrant for Thurston after Johnson was killed. A police report on that incident says only that she and Thurston had been arguing about one of them moving out of the home they shared. The report does not mention the threat Johnson alleges.

Officers wrote that they "did not have any probable cause to believe an assault took place," and that they advised Johnson to obtain a temporary protective order.

Protective orders are not public documents, so it could not be determined precisely what Johnson wrote in hers, or if she mentioned whether she or Thurston had access to a firearm.

On Sept. 30, police said Johnson called them for help serving the temporary protective order she had just obtained. But she only had an electronic version on her cellphone, and officers told her they needed a hard copy. Domestic violence advocates said the officers were correct — although they also said protective orders can now be filed electronically, and the guidelines about requiring hard copies are being reevaluated.

The affidavit filed in connection with Thurston's arrest says a friend helped Johnson get printed copies shortly after police left the residence. Later that night, police said, Thurston came to Johnson's house after learning about the protective order. He called police and told them he wanted them to stand by outside so he could move some of his belongings out of the house.

While he was there, a police report says, Johnson provided officers with the printed temporary protection order, which the officers promptly served on Thurston. Police said Thurston then left the home.

Seven hours later, in the predawn hours of Oct. 1, police said Thurston returned to the home and used his key to get inside. Thurston later told police that during an argument, Johnson headed to a closet where, he claimed, she kept a firearm, according to the arrest affidavit. He told police that he reached the closet first, grabbed the gun and shot Johnson on a second-floor landing, the affidavit says.

Another person inside the home witnessed the shooting, the affidavit says. The unidentified witness told police that Thurston said "he messed up and that the decedent ruined his life," as a police officer summarized it in the affidavit. Thurston also told the other person "there won't be a him without her."

Police said they found the paperwork that Johnson had assembled before filing her petition for a temporary protective order. The materials were laid out on a bed, including Thurston's driver's license, his social security card and his birth certificate.

There also was a printout of the order itself — her copy to keep.

OBITUARIES

ECHO BROWN, 39

A beloved storyteller and a voice of Black women

BY **EMILY LANGER**

Echo Brown, who channeled the agonies of poverty and racism into autobiographical art, writing and performing in an acclaimed one-woman show and penning two young-adult novels that earned her a growing reputation as a voice of Black women, died Sept. 16 at a hospital in Cleveland. She was 39.

Her mother, April Brown, confirmed her death and said the cause has not yet been determined. Ms. Brown suffered from kidney failure caused by lupus and was awaiting a kidney transplant when she died.

Ms. Brown began her life on the east side of Cleveland, growing up amid the desperation that results from poverty, pervasive discrimination and substance abuse. On the strength of her academics as valedictorian of her high school, she received a scholarship to attend Dartmouth College, a place she said she hoped would be "the birth of my becoming."

But the idyllic Ivy League green in New Hampshire was exposed as only an illusory escape from her past, she recounted, when a passerby in a pickup truck saw her on the university grounds and shouted the n-word from the window. The person who assailed her had no affiliation with Dartmouth. But "it was enough to shatter me," Ms. Brown said years later in a TED Talk, describing her realization that, as she put it, there would be no "promised land" in America for someone like her.

She eventually settled in the San Francisco Bay Area, where a class in solo performance led her to create and produce a one-woman show, "Black Virgins Are Not for Hipsters," that premiered at the Marsh theater in San Francisco in 2015. It later was presented elsewhere in California and in Chicago, Cleveland, Berlin and Dublin.

Ms. Brown disarmed her audiences with humor, joking about the flannel-wearing "lumbersexual" hipster men of her dating life. Having let down their guard, audiences followed Ms. Brown while she inhabited an array of characters, from her anguished mother to the White judge who incarcerates her brother for a drug violation, in an odyssey through the traumas of her life to that point.

"Word of mouth fills the theatre," author Alice Walker published on her blog. "Not since early Whoopi Goldberg and early and late Anna Deavere Smith have I been so moved by a performer's narrative. This one woman show proves once again that there is apparently a black woman gene that refuses to let her stay down, give up, or admit defeat, in any area in which she passionately lives her life."

Onstage, Ms. Brown radiated energy, drawing her crowds into a dance at one point in the show and again to their feet at the end in ovations. Her talkbacks after the show proved as affecting as the performances themselves and drew many viewers who recognized themselves in her story.

"She became an instant role model for me," said Travia Fitzpatrick, 35, who saw the show twice in San Francisco in 2016 and later undertook a correspondence with Ms. Brown. "I think her deeper mission was to inspire Black women and let them know that they could do anything. I believe that in her short life she did that."

Ms. Brown later wrote two young-adult novels, "Black Girl Unlimited: The Remarkable Story of a Teenage Wizard" (2020) and "The Chosen One: A First-Generation Ivy League Odyssey" (2022), that drew from the depths of her early life as well as on the literary tradition of magical realism.

ALEXIS KEENAN

Echo Brown drew wide notice with her one-woman show, "Black Virgins Are Not for Hipsters," and her two young-adult novels. "Black Girl Unlimited" (2020) and "The Chosen One" (2022).

In the first book, passages between the world of her upbringing and places of greater opportunity are depicted as portals. The protagonist and her mother, among others, are revealed as wizards, their magical powers a representation of what is required of them to survive.

"They have said wizards are unbreakable, but I'm not sure anymore," Ms. Brown wrote. "They call us warriors because we survive it and they call us strong because it doesn't topple us. They call us magic because we manage to make miracles out of it. 'Wow! Look at her take it all! She's so strong!' But for us, it's not a victory. It's a bloodbath. What happens after the bloodbath, when we finally fall?"

In her second novel, Ms. Brown picked up where her previous book left off, with her arrival on campus at Dartmouth as the first member of her family to attend college. While she wrote the follow-up volume, kidney failure was steadily eroding her health, Ms. Brown said, and she felt compelled to tell her story while she could.

"She was writing from a place of complete and total creative abundance," said Jessica Anderson, her editor at Christy Ottaviano Books, an imprint of Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. "She had stories to tell, and she knew it," Anderson added, recalling her as "a writer who only ever sounded like herself."

Echo Unique Ladadrian Brown was born in Cleveland on April 10, 1984. She was raised by her mother, a seamstress, and her stepfather, a welder, whom she considered her father. An apartment building where they lived was so neglected, Ms. Brown recalled, the basement was visible through the floor boards. Roaches and mice ran uncontrolled. "Poverty gets into your brain, it gets into your bones," she once told the San Jose Mercury News. "People ask me how I overcame it, but I'm not sure that you ever do."

She confessed a sense of guilt that she managed to emerge from the circumstances of her youth, while her two brothers, one of whom died of an overdose and the other of whom was incarcerated, did not. Besides her mother, survivors include her stepfather, Edward Trueitt, both of Lorain, Ohio, and a brother.

Ms. Brown lived for a time during her senior year of high school with an English teacher who saw her potential. She was accepted at a long list of universities and said she chose to attend Dartmouth on the basis of the contented faces she saw in a college brochure.

Despite her obvious gifts, a high school guidance counselor tried to steer her away from the college, telling her that she was better off excelling at a "third- or fourth-tier" school than failing at an Ivy League one. "He didn't believe in me," she told a Dartmouth alumni magazine years later, "simply based on where I came from."

Ms. Brown wrote for the Dartmouth student newspaper and studied government, receiving her bachelor's degree in 2006. After college she moved to New York City, where she worked for an organization that investigated charges of police misconduct. The experience, she said, was "a brutal introduction to the way that the world really works."

She later worked as a legal secretary and studied briefly at the graduate journalism school at Columbia University before descending into depression. "All of this trauma I'd been through, which I hadn't really processed or dealt with, came up and it was really overwhelming," she told the alumni publication. "I was either going to take my own life or I was going to figure out how to heal myself."

Ms. Brown decided to move west to California, where she immersed herself in yoga, mediation and spirituality. She found work at Challenge Day, a nonprofit organization that offers workshops seeking to inspire young people. The experience fueled her interest in storytelling.

She enrolled in a solo performance class with David Ford, a resident director at the Marsh theater, and began developing the show that became "Black Virgins Are Not for Hipsters." Anderson, her book editor, said she recruited Ms. Brown as a young-adult writer in part because she was an "unapologetic and proud Black female creator writing from that lens." It was a "tremendous service to young people," Anderson said, "to have direct access to her voice."

Ms. Brown took on recent creative projects, including the novel "A Jazzman's Blues," written with actor and filmmaker Tyler Perry and scheduled for release next year.

"I don't think people realize how important story is in our culture, as well as who's telling the story," Ms. Brown said. "I've had a lot of Black women come up to me and say, 'Wow, this is the first time I think I've seen my real story onstage,'" she continued, recalling reactions to her play. "We can't downplay the importance of that and how it shapes the minds, hearts, and potentially even the life paths, of people coming behind us."

OBITUARIES

TIM WAKEFIELD, 57

An infielder-turned-pitcher who could make the knuckleball dance

JIM ROGASH/GETTY IMAGES

Tim Wakefield became a fixture with the Boston Red Sox from 1995 to 2011 and was crucial to the team breaking its World Series drought in 2004. He was third in pitching victories for the franchise.

BY MICHAEL S. ROSENWALD

Tim Wakefield, who flustered big league hitters for 19 seasons with his 68-mph dancing knuckleball, an asymmetric warfare pitch in the era of 95-mph fastballs that helped the Boston Red Sox end their 86-year championship drought in 2004, died Sunday. He was 57.

The Red Sox announced his death, and said the cause was brain cancer.

Mr. Wakefield was one of the few major league pitchers to master the knuckleball, a pitch that has almost no rotation, causing it to move with roughly the same unpredictability as a mosquito. Outfielder Bobby Murcer once compared hitting it with "trying to eat Jell-O with chopsticks."

"I have no idea where it's going, the hitter doesn't know where it's going, and the catcher doesn't know where it's going," Mr. Wakefield once said.

The knuckleball comes with one significant drawback: Sometimes the pitch lands right over the middle of the plate, and the batter hits the ball to another Zip code.

That happened to Mr. Wakefield in the 2003 American League Championship Series, when Aaron Boone, in one of the game's most memorable postseason moments, hit a game-winning home run off him in extra innings of Game 7 to send the New York Yankees — Boston's longtime nemesis — to the World Series.

The following season, the Red Sox and Yankees met again in the ALCS, with New York taking a decisive 3-0 series lead. But the Red Sox bounced back, in part because of Mr. Wakefield's three scoreless innings in extra innings of Game 5. After dispatching the Yankees, the Red Sox swept the St. Louis Cardinals to win their first World Series since 1918.

Mr. Wakefield pitched 17 of his 19 big league seasons for Boston. His 186 career wins are the third-most in Red Sox history, behind Roger Clemens and Cy Young. He holds team records for innings pitched and games started. Befitting the knuckleball's path, he also holds the team records for walks and wild pitches.

Mr. Wakefield wasn't even a pitcher when the Pittsburgh Pirates drafted him in the eighth round of the 1988 draft.

He was a first baseman — and not, it turned out, one good enough to make it to the big leagues. After hitting only .189 in his first minor league season, Mr. Wakefield was on a path to get released when one of his managers saw him throwing a knuckleball in warm-ups. The other player struggled to catch it.

The Pirates turned Mr. Wakefield into a pitcher. At first, he was wary.

> *" ... The hitter doesn't know where it's going, and the catcher doesn't know where it's going."*
> **Tim Wakefield,** on the knuckleball that he made his specialty

"When they put an infielder on the mound, it's like they're putting you out to pasture," he told the Buffalo News. "They're saying you don't have what it takes to get to the big leagues."

Halfway through the 1992 season, the Pirates called him up.

In his first appearance, he pitched a complete game against the St. Louis Cardinals, giving up only six hits and striking out 10 to earn the win. Mr. Wakefield went 8-1 for the season and finished third in the Rookie of the Year voting. He won two games in the National League Championship Series against the Braves.

Sportswriters waxed poetic about Mr. Wakefield's knuckleball, but his second season in the majors was disappointing. After walking nine batters on Opening Day, his struggle to throw strikes continued and he was sent down to the minor leagues. The Pirates released him in 1995, and Boston signed him a week later.

Soon after he joined the team, Red Sox general manager Dan Duquette connected Mr. Wakefield with Phil Niekro, the retired knuckleball master who won 318 games during his career. Niekro worked with Mr. Wakefield on changing the speed of his knuckleball and also encouraged him to learn to throw a fastball to surprise hitters.

"Phil Niekro is the reason I did what I did in Boston," Mr. Wakefield said in 2020 after his mentor died. "He helped resurrect my career."

Timothy Stephen Wakefield was born in Melbourne, Fla., on Aug. 2, 1966. His father designed circuits for Harris Corp., and his mother worked at the company as a purchaser.

He learned to throw a knuckleball — and how hard it was to catch — while tossing the ball around with his father after he came home from work.

"He was tired, and he wanted to go inside," Mr. Wakefield told the New Yorker magazine. "So the knuckleball was his way of trying to tire me out, 'cause I didn't want to have to catch it — it'd go by me and I'd have to go pick it up. It was kind of a subtle way of Dad saying, 'Time to go, let's quit.' "

Mr. Wakefield studied business and played baseball at the Florida Institute of Technology, graduating in 1989. He was a standout hitter, setting the school's single-season record for home runs with 22.

Throughout his career, Mr. Wakefield was also known for his charitable work, especially in Boston.

In 2010, Major League Baseball honored him with the Roberto Clemente Award, named after the Pittsburgh Pirates star who died in a 1972 plane crash while delivering supplies to earthquake victims in Nicaragua.

Mr. Wakefield married Stacy Stover in 2002. She survives him, along with their children, Trevor and Brianna. A complete list of survivors was not immediately available.

Given the mystery of the knuckleball, some physicists have devoted considerable research time to understanding how it moves.

"The knuckleball is thrown so that the stitches on one side catch the air," Yale physicist Robert Adair, the author of "The Physics of Baseball," told the New York Times in 1992. "It is smooth on the other side, and that gives an imbalance. The disruption of the air gives you less air resistance, and the ball moves in that direction."

The result, he said: "It's a tough pitch to hit."

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IN MEMORIAM

DODSON

DARLENE M. DODSON
October 9, 1957 – December 4, 2021

Happy Birthday in Heaven! I know you're enjoying your favorite – Angel Food Cake!

James D.

JOHNSON

CLARISSA R. JOHNSON
We miss you and we love you
Your daughters,
Clarissa, Brenda, Juanita and Linda

MANFUSO

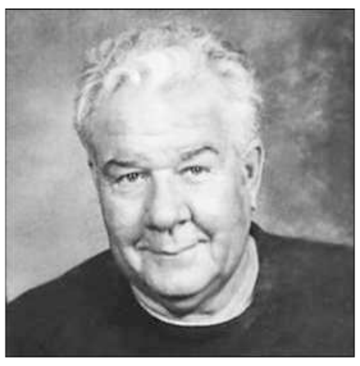
THOMAS ALLEN MANFUSO
October 9, 1963 - December 19, 1984
Today, I count my blessings. I am as thankful as can be for all the love and happiness you have given me.
We miss and love you.
Your Family

DEATH NOTICE

BELENKO

VIKTOR IVANOVICH BELENKO
1947-2023
After a life of legendary service to his adopted country, Viktor passed away on September 24, 2023 after a brief illness with his sons Tom and Paul by his side. Ever courageous, he will be missed by his American comrades. No memorial service planned.

COTTER



MICHAEL JOSEPH COTTER
Michael Joseph Cotter, aged 82, passed away from complications of multiple organ failure on September 25, 2023.

Born on Christmas Day in 1940, Michael was raised in Worcester, MA. He attended the University of Maryland and served as a Marine in the Vietnam War. Michael held many jobs over the years, but was most proud of starting his own house painting business.

Michael is preceded in death by his wife, Paula Crowley; all of his siblings: Mary Patricia Brettschneider, Noreen Peltier, William M. Cotter, and Margaret King. He is survived by his children: Christine Gooley, Kelly Jean, Michael Devin Cotter, and William Cotter. He will be dearly missed by all those who knew him.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, October 13 at 12 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 11007 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, MD 20705.
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DEATH NOTICE

GRAY

MARY GRAY "Joan"
Mary "Joan" Gray (née Sobieck) passed away on June 2, 2023. She was living with her youngest daughter Theresa Croghan in Kenilworth, IL at the time. She had just celebrated her 92nd birthday on May 28. Joan was one of the seven children of Anne (née Philips) and Wilford Sobieck. She grew up on her family farm in Bowlus, MN. She attended stewardess college in 1953 as American Airlines most junior stewardess. In 1955 she left the airline to marry a young Lt. in the Marine Corps from Texas, D'Wayne Gray. They had 58 wonderful and adventurous years of marriage, with many of them spent on military bases around the world. Joan spent these years being an avid volunteer and an active member of the Marine Corps wives club wherever she was living. Over the years, Joan revived her career at American Airlines. She remained an active member of the Washington, DC Kiwi Club well into her 80's. Joan was preceded in death by her husband and all her siblings. She is survived by her three children: Stephen D. Gray, Elizabeth Gray Hendrickson (Jeffery), Theresa Gray Croghan (John). Joan was adored by her four grandchildren: Matthew Hendrickson (Julia), Rosie Croghan Schalka (Michael), Elizabeth Croghan, Mary Croghan Schoder (Scott). Joan was the beloved great grandmother of Mary and Julie Schalka and Faye and Scott Schoder.
Funeral mass will be held on October 11, 2023 at the Old Post Chapel, Ft Myer, VA at 2:45 p.m with Interment in Arlington National Cemetery. There will be a reception immediately following at Patton Hall in the Fife and Drum room. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to be made to The American Red Cross in Joan's honor at The American Red Cross, PO Box 37889, Boone, IA, 50037.

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DEATH NOTICE

PINCKNEY

PHYLLIS ARMANDA PINCKNEY
"Mercy" passed away on September 10, 2023. Born in Clarksburg, WV on May 1944. A memorial service on Saturday, October 21, 2023, 11 a.m., at Accokeek First Church of God, 15821 Livingston, RD, Accokeek, MD.

ROGERSON

WYNEFRED WALKER ROGERSON
Wynefred Walker Rogerson, 93, of Mount Pleasant, SC, formerly of Alexandria, VA, died Thursday, September 28, 2023. A memorial service will be held October 14, 2023, in J. Henry Stuhr, Inc., Mt. Pleasant Chapel at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the National Gallery of Art, 2000 South Club Drive, Landover, MD 20785, www.nga.gov. A memorial message may be sent to the family by visiting our website at www.jhenrystuhr.com.

THOMAS

JAMES ANTHONY THOMAS
JULY 31, 1955 – OCTOBER 4, 2023
James Anthony Thomas passed away at the age of 68 on October 4, 2023. A lifelong resident of Falls Church, Virginia, James is survived by his wife Joan of 40 years; daughters Jessica (Kyle) and Rebecca; son Ryan; and grandchildren Noah, Lucas, Nathan, Cameron, Claire and Hannah. He is predeceased by his mother, Mary Lloyd of Winchester, VA. James will be remembered as an avid reader of the Washington Post and Falls Church News Press, a Washington Nationals fan, and an animal lover. A memorial will be held on Monday, October 16 at 11 a.m. at Everly in Falls Church, VA.
www.everlyfuneralhome.com

DEATH NOTICE

OCHSMAN

TRACY OCHSMAN
Tracy Kolker Ochsman of Potomac, MD and Boca Raton, FL passed away on Wednesday, October 4, 2023. Cherished wife, mother and Nana, she is survived by her beloved husband, Bruce Ochsman; daughters: Paris (Benjamin), January (Andrew), and Kate; sons: Steven (Jill), Chase (Amanda), and Lion; grandchildren: Harris, Cash, Chloe, Brooklyn, Knight, and Jordyn; brothers: Gary (Nancy), Jeffrey (Pam), and Aunt Betty Shapiro. Tracy was preceded in death by her parents, Ciss and Bernie Kolker and brother Steve Kolker. Kind, generous, and devoted, Tracy will be profoundly missed by her nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Born and raised in Washington, DC, Tracy graduated from The Maret School, and Rollins College. After college she enjoyed a successful career with Gucci and Cartier in Beverly Hills, CA. Raising her children in Potomac MD, surrounded by family, brought Tracy tremendous joy. She relished in juggling their many school and sports activities. Incredibly welcoming, Tracy loved hosting family dinners, holiday meals, and always went the extra mile with details to make it elegant and festive. She had a remarkable knack for bringing people together. Friendship with Tracy was a bond for life.

Moving to Boca Raton gave Tracy the opportunity to enjoy new hobbies like golf, pickleball, and canasta. Over the years, traveling, especially cruising, had become a favorite pastime. Most significantly, Tracy delighted in being Nana to her grandchildren and was excitedly looking forward to the new baby arriving in December.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 12 p.m. at Washington Hebrew Congregation, 3935 Macomb Street, NW, Washington, DC with interment to follow at King David Memorial Gardens, Falls Church, VA. A gathering in honor of Tracy will be held at The Ochsman Residence Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. Contributions may be made in her memory to American Friends of Magen David Adom (https://afmda.org/).
www.sagelbloomfield.com

DEATH NOTICE

ALEXANDER

MARY JANE ALEXANDER
1947 - 2023
Mary Jane Alexander, 76, of Springfield, Virginia, known to her loved ones as "MJ," passed away peacefully on August 20, 2023. Her adoring husband of 54 years, Colonel (Ret.) Robert W. Alexander, was by her side. Beloved sister of Philip Verveer and sister-in-law Melanne Verveer. Cherished aunt of Michael Verveer, Alexandra Verveer (Adam Goldberg), Elaina Verveer (Greg Johnson), Scott Martin (Katie), Brooke Clement (Tony), Lyndsay Ressler (Adam), and Haley Wilkes (Dan). Devoted great aunt to many great nieces and nephews, including Leigh and Evan Bianchi, who loved her dearly.

A dedicated Air Force wife for whom Bob's 26-year service was as much her career as his, MJ shared in 10 permanent changes of station, including NATO assignments in Germany and Belgium. During Bob's service, she worked in the U.S. Civil Service as an Administrative Assistant and Program Analyst. In recent years, MJ volunteered with the Honor Flight Network welcoming veterans at Washington Reagan National Airport.

MJ was known for her warm and friendly nature and for always putting her family first. She delighted in hosting annual Easter egg hunts in her and Bob's home for their grandnieces since they were very young, including through this past Easter though those grandnieces are now in their 20s. MJ never let anyone leave a hunt without life-sized bags of popcorn.

MJ was an accomplished genealogist, documenting generations of the Verveer family tree in Europe and the United States through extensive research. She had a passion for traveling and was an avid collector of Early Americana, chocolate and ice cream molds, and porcelain. MJ particularly loved rabbits, and her family delighted in her collection of molds in the shapes of bunnies.

Born in Elmhurst, Illinois to the late Louis L. Verveer and the late Janet Zerfass Verveer, MJ received her primary education at Star of the Sea in Honolulu, Hawaii, and St. Joseph's Catholic School in Downers Grove, Illinois. She graduated from Downers Grove North High School and later earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics from Iowa State University, where she met Bob on an arranged date for the ROTC Military Ball.

Bob, who at one youthful stage, had proclaimed in writing he would never marry, suddenly found himself inviting MJ to a ROTC parade with his parents, asking MJ to pin his gold bars on him with his mother when he was commissioned, attending church with MJ, and driving her home to the Chicago area after the school year. For her part, MJ quickly began her own training program, which lasted 55 years, to improve Bob's punctuality and appreciation of modern films.

A faithful Catholic, Mary Jane was a member of St. Bernadette's Catholic Church in Springfield, Virginia, where she worshipped.

Funeral services for Mary Jane on November 30, 2023, will include a Funeral Mass at St. Bernadette Catholic Church in Springfield, Virginia, at 10 a.m. and graveside services at Arlington National Cemetery at 1 p.m.

The family thanks The View Alexandria and Goodwin Hospice staffs for their compassionate care. Friends Gretchen Sauer, Mary Jane Bradley-Smith, Barb and Terry Croft, Brian Boland, John Peterson, and Helene Phelan provided solace from near and afar. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Catholic Charities, Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO) in Springfield, Virginia, World Central Kitchen, the Honor Flight Network, Goodwin Hospice, or the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society.

The Demaine Funeral Home in Springfield, Virginia, is assisting the family with the arrangements.

May Mary Jane Alexander rest in eternal peace. Her memory is a blessing to all who knew and loved her.

View and sign Mary Jane's memorial page and guestbook at
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Off-and-on clouds

An early jacket is warranted, but sunshine and lower southwesterly breezes near 15 mph assist in real and perceived warming. Afternoon temperatures top out in the mid-60s for the most part, with some off-and-on clouds bubbling up. Overnight, a couple of quick showers are possible with skies generally partly cloudy. Breezes may near a calm level. Low temperatures will be in the mid- to upper 40s.

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Periods of sun	Partly sunny	Sunny and pleasant	Sunny intervals	Partly sunny	Rain, mainly early
65° 49°	68° 47°	72° 52°	77° 58°	72° 59°	69° 54°
FEELS*: **62°**	FEELS: **69°**	FEELS: **73°**	FEELS: **77°**	FEELS: **72°**	FEELS: **66°**
CHNCE PRECIP: **25%**	P: **5%**	P: **0%**	P: **25%**	P: **25%**	P: **85%**
WIND: **SW 8–16 mph**	W: **WNW 6–12 mph**	W: **SW 6–12 mph**	W: **SSW 4–8 mph**	W: **ENE 7–14 mph**	W: **N 6–12 mph**
HUMIDITY: **Moderate**	H: **Moderate**	H: **Moderate**	H: **Moderate**	H: **Moderate**	H: **High**

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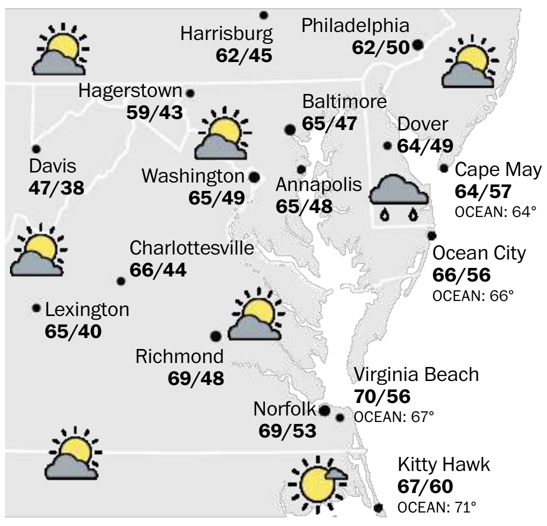

Pollen: Moderate
Grass Low
Trees Low
Weeds Low
Mold Moderate

Air Quality: Good
Dominant cause: Ozone

UV: Low
2 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, mostly cloudy, a shower in the afternoon. Cold; breezy in northern parts. High 45 to 52. Winds southwest 8–16 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy; a shower in spots in northern parts. Mostly cloudy in southern parts. Low 38 to 42.

Atlantic beaches: Today, partly sunny. High 64 to 69. Winds southwest 10–20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy; a shower in spots in the north. Low 53 to 57. Winds southwest 7–14 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High 66 to 73. Winds southwest 7–14 mph.

Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, partly sunny. Wind southwest 6–12 knots. Waves 2 feet or less. Visibility unrestricted. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, partly sunny. Wind southwest 8–16 knots. Waves 1–2 feet on the Lower Potomac; 1–3 feet on the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 2.70 feet today, falling to 2.60 Tuesday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in **Bold**)

Washington	**4:54 a.m.**	11:57 a.m.	**5:34 p.m.**	none
Annapolis	**2:24 a.m.**	8:42 a.m.	**2:08 p.m.**	8:16 p.m.
Ocean City	**4:24 a.m.**	10:23 a.m.	**4:55 p.m.**	11:26 p.m.
Norfolk	12:34 a.m.	**6:39 a.m.**	12:31 p.m.	**6:58 p.m.**
Point Lookout	5:12 a.m.	**10:26 a.m.**	4:23 p.m.	**11:05 p.m.**

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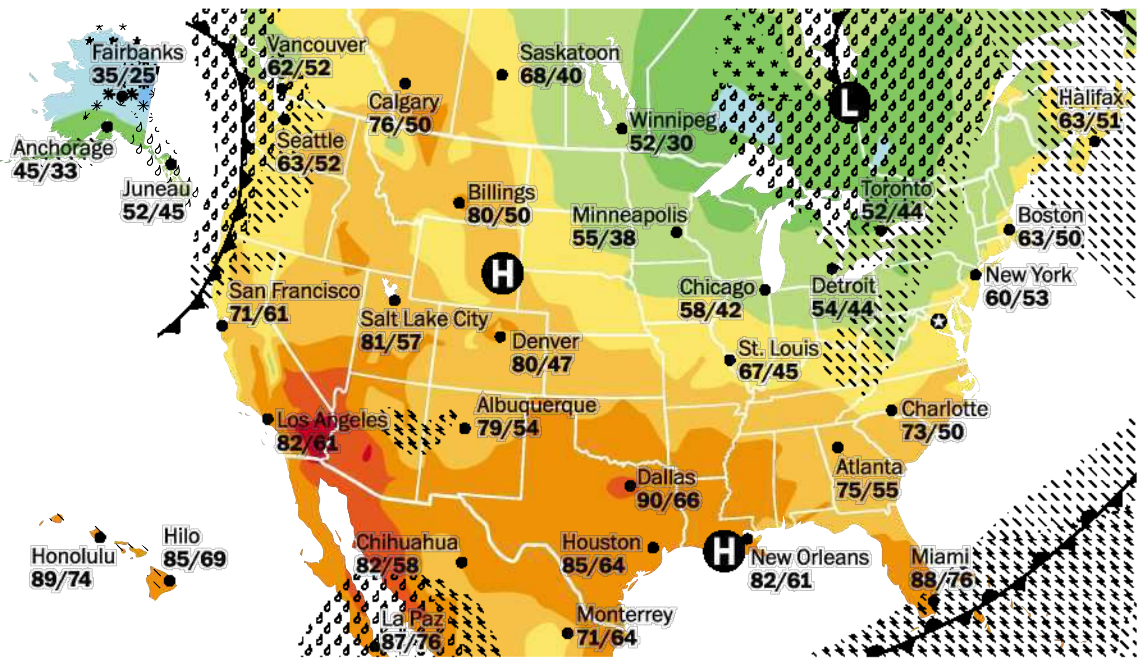
Weather map features for noon today.



Yesterday's National
High: Palm Springs, CA **103°**
Low: Daniel, WY **20°**
for the 48 contiguous states

World
High: Mina, Saudi Arabia **111°**
Low: Oymyakon, Russia **–2°**
excludes Antarctica

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	58/41/pc	59/42/sh
Albuquerque	79/54/s	78/55/pc
Anchorage	45/33/c	40/30/sf
Atlanta	75/55/s	79/62/pc
Austin	87/61/s	80/62/t
Baltimore	65/47/pc	69/44/pc
Billings, MT	80/50/s	74/49/t
Birmingham	78/59/s	81/60/pc
Bismarck, ND	57/34/s	58/38/s
Boise	82/52/s	65/45/c
Boston	63/50/pc	64/51/sh
Buffalo	53/45/c	53/48/sh
Burlington, VT	58/44/pc	58/44/sh
Charleston, SC	76/54/s	80/61/s
Charleston, WV	62/43/sh	63/39/pc
Charlotte	73/50/s	76/52/s
Cheyenne, WY	75/42/s	75/47/pc
Chicago	58/42/pc	59/44/pc
Cincinnati	61/41/c	63/42/pc
Cleveland	55/43/c	57/43/c
Dallas	90/66/s	86/67/s
Denver	80/47/s	80/49/pc
Des Moines	61/39/pc	65/49/s
Detroit	54/44/pc	55/44/c
El Paso	88/60/s	89/62/s
Fairbanks, AK	35/25/sn	32/13/sn
Fargo, ND	56/33/s	57/35/s
Hartford, CT	62/42/pc	63/43/sh
Honolulu	89/74/pc	89/73/pc
Houston	85/64/s	82/66/pc
Indianapolis	60/41/pc	63/41/pc
Jackson, MS	84/57/s	87/64/pc
Jacksonville, FL	78/51/s	82/61/pc
Kansas City, MO	67/43/s	71/54/s
Las Vegas	93/67/s	89/64/s
Little Rock	83/54/s	82/61/s
Los Angeles	82/61/s	78/62/s
Louisville	68/45/pc	69/47/s
Memphis	79/55/s	82/64/s
Miami	88/76/t	88/78/t
Milwaukee	57/45/pc	56/43/pc
Minneapolis	55/38/pc	56/39/s
Nashville	76/48/s	75/52/s
New Orleans	82/61/s	83/68/pc
New York City	60/53/pc	65/52/pc
Norfolk	69/53/s	72/56/pc
Oklahoma City	83/53/s	85/63/s
Omaha	63/39/pc	69/53/s
Orlando	84/65/s	87/71/pc
Philadelphia	62/50/pc	66/50/pc
Phoenix	100/74/s	99/73/s
Pittsburgh	55/41/c	57/41/pc
Portland, ME	61/42/c	60/46/sh
Portland, OR	64/53/r	61/52/sh
Providence, RI	62/48/pc	66/45/sh
Raleigh, NC	72/50/s	76/52/pc
Reno, NV	72/44/pc	67/42/pc
Richmond	69/48/pc	75/48/pc
Sacramento	72/59/pc	75/53/pc
St. Louis	67/45/s	70/54/s
St. Thomas, VI	90/80/pc	89/80/s
Salt Lake City	81/57/s	74/49/c
San Diego	75/65/pc	73/65/pc
San Francisco	71/61/sh	71/57/pc
San Juan, PR	93/80/pc	92/78/pc
Seattle	63/52/r	58/50/sh
Spokane, WA	74/50/pc	57/46/c
Syracuse	57/46/pc	56/48/c
Tampa	83/65/s	86/73/pc
Wichita	77/48/s	84/64/s

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	77/52/pc	77/52/pc
Amsterdam	68/55/c	71/63/c
Athens	82/60/s	79/66/s
Auckland	62/55/pc	63/52/pc
Baghdad	98/73/pc	97/75/pc
Bangkok	91/77/t	89/77/t
Beijing	77/48/s	74/48/pc
Berlin	57/50/c	63/55/c
Bogota	69/49/pc	68/49/sh
Brussels	72/54/c	74/57/pc
Buenos Aires	81/64/s	80/53/pc
Cairo	88/71/s	87/70/s
Caracas	81/66/t	81/66/sh
Copenhagen	55/46/c	59/56/c
Dakar	90/79/c	90/79/pc
Dublin	70/58/pc	70/54/c
Edinburgh	62/57/c	66/49/r
Frankfurt	74/52/c	75/51/pc
Geneva	80/51/s	78/53/pc
Ham., Bermuda	79/73/r	80/72/sh
Helsinki	45/29/pc	46/40/c
Ho Chi Minh City	92/77/t	88/77/t
Hong Kong	79/73/sh	80/73/r
Islamabad	89/65/t	88/64/s
Istanbul	69/56/pc	71/58/s
Jerusalem	78/64/c	77/58/s
Johannesburg	80/59/t	85/59/c
Kabul	77/51/s	79/50/s
Kingston, Jam.	90/80/t	90/81/sh
Kolkata	94/80/sh	96/80/pc
Kyiv	52/36/pc	51/35/pc
Lagos	88/77/t	88/77/c
Lima	70/62/c	70/63/pc
Lisbon	92/66/s	87/63/s
London	75/55/pc	74/59/pc
Madrid	84/57/pc	83/57/s
Manila	91/79/t	91/78/t
Mexico City	75/56/r	72/53/r
Montreal	57/45/c	54/45/c
Moscow	38/32/r	38/29/c
Mumbai	94/79/pc	93/78/pc
Nairobi	85/61/pc	84/58/pc
New Delhi	98/80/s	95/77/s
Oslo	50/34/c	52/50/r
Ottawa	49/43/sh	51/42/r
Paris	80/52/pc	81/53/pc
Prague	60/52/c	66/51/c
Rio de Janeiro	80/71/t	76/71/c
Riyadh	103/76/s	101/76/s
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Seoul	72/52/pc	73/53/pc
Shanghai	78/60/pc	78/61/c
Singapore	91/79/pc	90/79/t
Stockholm	46/29/s	50/43/c
Sydney	75/60/s	69/58/pc
Taipei City	79/72/t	77/71/r
Tehran	83/67/s	85/65/pc
Tokyo	68/65/r	76/63/sh
Toronto	52/44/c	54/45/sh
Vienna	69/57/sh	70/50/pc
Warsaw	50/35/pc	53/45/pc

Key: **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **r**-rain, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

Sources: **AccuWeather.com**; US Army Centralized Allergen Extract Lab (pollen data); airnow.gov (air quality data); National Weather Service

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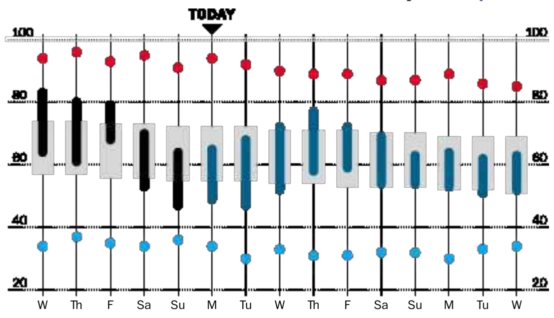

Statistics through 5 p.m. Sunday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**64°** 3:00 p.m.	**62°** 3:00 p.m.	**63°** 2:38 p.m.
Low	**47°** 7:00 a.m.	**42°** 6:24 a.m.	**49°** 5:00 a.m.
Normal	72°/55°	71°/48°	71°/50°
Record high	91° 2007	92° 2007	91° 2007
Record low	36° 1964	30° 2001	31° 2001

Difference from 30-yr. avg. (National): this month: **+4.2°** yr. to date: **+1.8°**

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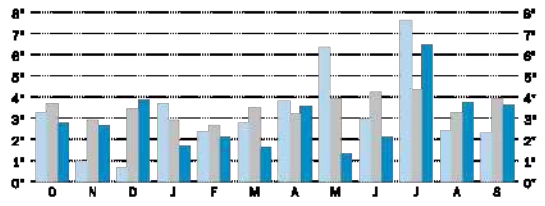

	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Total this month	0.07"	0.18"	0.10"
Normal	0.96"	1.01"	1.09"
Total this year	26.16"	26.05"	31.27"
Normal	32.80"	34.17"	35.31"

Moon Phases

Oct 14	Oct 21	Oct 28	Nov 5
New	First Quarter	Full	Last Quarter

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	7:11 a.m.	6:39 p.m.
Moon	2:02 a.m.	4:43 p.m.
Venus	3:29 a.m.	4:38 p.m.
Mars	8:13 a.m.	7:10 p.m.
Jupiter	7:52 p.m.	9:35 a.m.
Saturn	4:52 p.m.	3:34 a.m.

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MUSIC REVIEW

Enji blurs the line between worldly and otherworldly

BY CHRIS RICHARDS

Whenever people from disparate geographies come together to make new music, passive listeners tend to treat the results like mosaics or club sandwiches — assemblages made to dazzle and nourish us with the vague suggestion of a universal language that might eventually help our idiot species transcend its fractiousness. Enji's music feels way deeper than that. No tiles, no tiers, no pseudo-kumbaya. She's a Mongolian jazz singer recording bossa nova-hued ballads in Germany, but instead of coming together like global bric-a-brac, her songs mix like satin interior paint — vivid and smooth.

Her gorgeous third album, "Ulaan," is extraordinary, a singular result of unique circumstances, but also modest, because isn't everything that happens in this life a singular result of unique circumstances? Born Enkhjargal Erkhembayar in the Mongolian capital of Ulaanbaatar, Enji spent her childhood living in a yurt, raised by working parents who loved to sing. Fascinated with traditional folk melodies, she grew up to become a music teacher, until a jazz outreach program organized by the Goethe-Institut suddenly bent her path toward a recording career in Munich. Enji's 2017 debut, "Mongolian Song," featured jazz arrangements of traditional Mongolian music (plus some extra splash from legendary drummer Billy Hart), while her 2021 album, "Ursgal," found the singer penning her own interior ballads under the influence of jazz standards. Now, with "Ulaan," Enji has expanded her band (guitarist Paul Brändle, bassist Munguntovch Tsolmonbayar) to include two Brazilian players (drummer Mariá Portugal, clarinetist Joana Queiroz), and together, they seem to have found a place for the singer's voice that didn't previously exist.

It barely exists, though. The instrumentation on "Ulaan" feels so delicate, it's often on the precipice of vanishing. Keep your ears focused and you'll hear arrangements as practical as Enji's singing, which even at its lullaby-softest, remains stealthily rhythmic and deeply cooperative. On "Duulnaa," when she floats into a sequence of curlicue vowels with Queiroz's clarinet twirling nearby, it's like two puffs of smoke floating through each other. In "Picture/Three Shadows," Brändle's guitar converges with Enji and Queiroz so gently, it's hard to know whether the instruments are supporting the voice or the voice is supporting the instruments. Instead of obeying a formal hierarchy, their music becomes a sort of liquid interdependency.

Don't worry about losing yourself in the swirl. Across a neat 36 minutes, "Ulaan" conjures a sense of wonderment without ponderousness, sentimentality or melodrama. These songs sound so inventive, so free, yet so grounded — and if they end up calming your mind, the aim wasn't to numb it, but to open it. It's generous work, and it's selfless, too. No one here ever sounds like they're trying to draw attention to themselves. That responsibility falls to us. Share this music with people you like and listen to it with the people you love.

Q&A

JELANI RICE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Spike Lee has power. But he's still fighting it.

Director shows off his memorabilia collection

BY JADA YUAN IN NEW YORK

There's no mistaking which office belongs to Spike Lee in a sunny corner of New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, where he's a tenured film professor and has been teaching for 30 years. Just outside the door, you'll find a director's chair; a "Do the Right Thing" street sign; a poster for that seminal 1989 film that used a single block in Brooklyn to capture the country's explosive racial tensions; and a framed historical notice for the sale of "250 fine healthy NEGROES," with assurances that they don't have smallpox. ¶ Inside, every surface is covered in memorabilia from an incredible life in the arts: Lee in a tuxedo with buddies Joe

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Spike Lee between portraits of his parents, jazz bassist Bill Lee and teacher Jacqueline Carroll Shelton Lee, at the Brooklyn Museum.

The workplace has changed. Can 'The Office' change with it?

BY ANNE BRANIGIN

Boss Michael Scott (Steve Carell) is still making gaffes, except now 50 percent of them are on Microsoft Teams (last week it was responding with a skull emoji after someone said they had to miss work for a funeral).

You won't see stringent office accountant Angela Martin (Angela Kinsey) at the office talking to her myriad cats on a nannycam, but you will see them tramping across her keyboard during a budget meeting on Zoom.

Meanwhile, grumpy boomers Stanley Hudson (Leslie David Baker) and Kevin Malone (Brian Baumgartner) are still running down the clock — doing their crosswords and rolling their eyes — they're just "working" from home with their cameras off.

According to office workers, this is what the 2023 version of "The Office" might look like. It's a world that has already been traversing our feeds, fueled by bored white-collar laborers and the content creators playing them.

Among those documenting our present workplace reality is Bryan Ferreira. About once a week, Ferreira positions his phone at his desk, hits record, walks back out into his doorway and drop-kicks his bulky gray backpack into the room. Then he posts it on TikTok, where hundreds of users dutifully respond with cry-laughing emojis and affirmations of "same."

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"They like it when I'm cranky," said Ferreira, a 32-year-old credit and collections specialist for an e-commerce company (quite possibly the most "Office"-like job ever). "They" are his 700,000-plus TikTok followers, who gobble up his weekday posts like it's communal workplace candy.

Even though he's reached influencer status, Ferreira is also the real deal: He is still commuting 45 minutes into the office five days a week, for God's sake (well, really for his bosses' sake).

And his TikTok tagline is "bringing back the office," a reference to the hit NBC sitcom devoted to the dreariness, delights and dorks that define office life, and a perennial source of inspiration to the hundreds of thousands of people currently posting on #WorkTok.

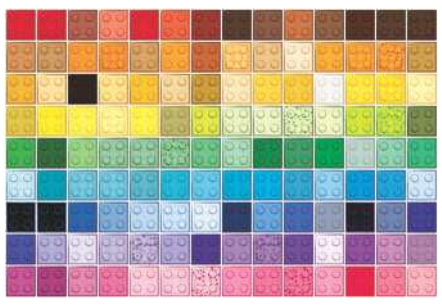
In late September, the digital news site Puck reported that Greg Daniels, the creator of the U.S. version of the series (the original show, the brainchild of Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant, was based in Britain) may be bringing the show back himself. In the past, Daniels has toyed with the idea of an "Office" reboot, though he has appeared on the fence about whether the same characters that made the American series so beloved would return.

"I think it would just be sort of like an extension of the universe," Daniels told Collider last year. "The way 'Mandalorian' is like an extension of 'Star Wars.' "

We do not know yet when and where this potential new "Office" will be set (a rep for Daniels didn't respond to a request for comment). Prior versions took place in a pre-pandemic world, with full, fluorescent-lit cubicles and packed parking lots. Daniels's show ran from 2005 to 2013: a time when terms such as "influencer marketing" and "hoteling" would have drawn blank stares from most American workers.

Hybrid work has fundamentally changed the American office, and with it,

SEE **'THE OFFICE'** ON **C4**



TOYS

The Lego color palette, once simple, has expanded and contracted over the years. **C8**

CAROLYN HAX

Our friend, who is getting a divorce, wants us to freeze out her ex. What should we do? **C2**

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Crocs is introducing ventilated cowboy boots, and the brand's fans aren't sure how to react. **C4**

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Is Drake's "For All the Dogs" really right for your canine? Well, it depends. **C5**

Director discusses Colin Kaepernick project, heroics of ‘Black Aquaman’

Q&A FROM **C1**

Pesci, Robert De Niro and Martin Scorsese. An illustration of his dear friend Prince, depicted in mournful purple rain, on a yellowing copy of the Village Voice from the week the musician died in 2016. The other day, Lee was rooting under his desk and found a rolled-up poster for “Raging Bull” he had forgotten he owned, signed by Jake LaMotta, the boxer whose autobiography Scorsese adapted for the movie. “It had been there for years!” Lee says, laughing. “How long has he been dead? [But now] De Niro signed this and tomorrow Marty’s gonna sign it. I’m not messing around here.” Any memory of how he got it? “No!”

There’s a reason for this autographing emergency. Lee, 66, is an ardent collector of cultural items, including Richard Avedon photography and racist cigarette holders, and on Saturday, the Brooklyn Museum opened “Spike Lee: Creative Sources” with more than 450 pieces from his personal collection, selected over a two-year process.

And there’s plenty more back in his studio in Fort Greene, he says, plus in storage.

Lee’s mother, Jacqueline Carroll Shelton Lee, a teacher of Black literature, used to take him and his siblings to that museum as a kid, during a homegrown arts education that introduced him to cinema. She died when he was a sophomore at Morehouse College, located in her hometown of Atlanta, and there’s a whole section in the exhibit dedicated to family, featuring his mother, grandparents and father, the jazz musician Bill Lee, who composed scores for Spike’s earlier films and died in May. Spike Lee and his wife, Tonya Lewis Lee, just celebrated their 30th anniversary, and their son, Jackson, was on hand at the gala preview Tuesday taking photos, alongside a deluge of collaborators and well-wishers, including journalist Robin Roberts and actors Adam Driver, John Leguizamo, Giancarlo Esposito and Laurence Fishburne.

The following is a compilation of several conversations, including one the morning after the exhibition’s Oct. 3 opening gala. It has been edited and condensed for length and clarity.

Q: I wanted to get your recap of the night. What was the best part for you?
A: It was just an amazing night. And I hope that people come back when it officially opens, because sometimes it’s hard to see what’s on the wall because it was jam-packed.

Q: Adam Driver was in “BlacKkKlansman” (2018), but I didn’t realize you were tight.
A: Oh yeah, that’s my Brooklyn brother! We really, really have a kinship, a brotherhood that extends and not just when we’re working, you know? So, I mean, he’s in the club.

Q: And then you and Bill Bradley had a fun moment in the Knicks room when you two passed a mic back and forth and recapped Game 7 of the 1970 championship. How long have you known each other?
A: He’s one of the Knicks! Those guys are my heroes. You know, he reached out to me to help him when he was first running for Senate. So we’ve kept in touch. I mean, he didn’t run for the Senate just to be showboating. He has a great heart, great mind, and cares about what’s happening in the world.

Q: You have Prince’s “Love Symbol” guitar. How’d you wind up with that?
A: I asked him for it, “Can you gift it to me?” Showed up a year later.

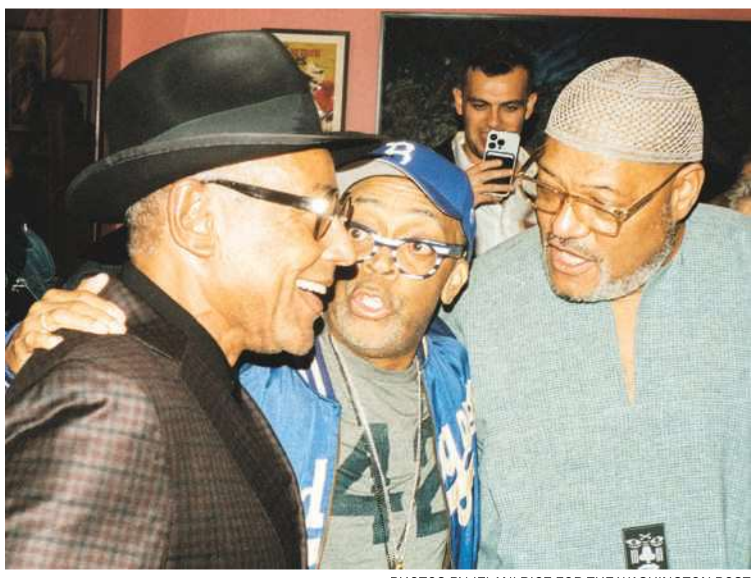
Q: No explanation.
A: I was happy I got it! So I’m not complaining to Prince, saying, “Why did it take a year?” But when I said, “Can you sign it?” He said, “I’ll take it back, Spike!” And I said, “Oh, no, no, no! I don’t need you to sign it!”

Q: John Leguizamo told me he couldn’t believe you had these vintage Federico Fellini posters with wonderfully warm dedications to you. How did you become friends?
A: The first time I was in Italy promoting a film, I asked my publicist, “Do you know Fellini?” And he said, “Yeah, I know him.” So I said, “Can you call him and see if he’ll have dinner with me?” And so we just struck up a friendship. And every time I would come to Rome to promote a film, we’d have dinner. The first time I didn’t have a poster, but I found these poster stores that sell vintage Italian films in Rome. So that’s when I got him to sign them.

Q: The section dedicated to your family seems particularly poignant, and I know your mom was a huge influence, since she took you to movies as a kid.
A: I’ll tell you a funny story. My mother loved James Bond. Loved Sean Connery. And she took me to see “Goldfinger” the first week it came out and the theater was packed. I’m 6 or 7. And you know, it’s very rare in a James Bond film, especially a Sean Connery film, where there’s silence and not, you know, guns being shot, ships being blown up. But there’s a silent moment in the film. And I said to my mother, “Mommy, why is that lady named Pussy Galore?” Oh, people died laughing. My mother was so embarrassed, she grabbed me and said, “Spike, don’t you say another word.” True story!

Q: You also have all these photos of your dad, Bill Lee. Have you been thinking about lessons you learned from him since he passed?
A: I’m still in my process of grieving, of losing my father. But it was great to see him in this show. And my grandparents. My mother never got to see me as a filmmaker, but my grandmother lived to be 100 years old. She saved her Social Security checks from teaching for 50 years and helped put me through Morehouse College, gave me the seed money for my thesis film, which won the Student Academy Award and also gave me seed money for “She’s Gotta Have It.” For 50 years, she taught art, between Macon and Atlanta. My grandmother was a great art teacher. Never got to teach one White student because of Jim Crow laws in the state of Georgia. And for 50 years, White students missed out because schools were not integrated.

> *“It doesn’t matter whether it’s a television show, a streamer or in the theater. ... What the audience is seeing, that’s where the power comes from.”*
> **Spike Lee**



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Lee’s look for the opening night as the first Black president of the Cannes Film Festival jury in 2021, designed in collaboration with Virgil Abloh, first Black artistic director for Louis Vuitton; The “Love Symbol” guitar, right, given to Lee by Prince; Giancarlo Esposito, Lee and Laurence Fishburne at the Brooklyn Museum exhibition’s preview event Tuesday.

Q: When you let me sit in on your class at NYU, you showed the students “On the Waterfront.” Why that movie?
A: One of the most influential things that happened when I was here at NYU, going to film school with Ang Lee and Ernie Dickerson — who was DP [director of photography] on a lot of my films and is now one of the top episodic directors — as my classmates, was being introduced to world cinema. The basic premise from “She’s Gotta Have It” comes from “Rashomon.”

I’m not doing the students good if they’ve seen a film 10 million times already. I’m trying to introduce them to things. I’ll say, “You know there was some good s--- made before you were born. And it might be black-and-white.” And “On the Waterfront” is one of my all-time great films. I got to be good friends with Budd Schulberg, who wrote the screenplay.

Q: Ever meet Marlon Brando? You have so many posters of his movies in the exhibition.
A: Never met him. Would have loved to. But right after “Do the Right Thing” came out [in 1989], he called me. I don’t know how he got my number. Called me about four in the morning. He stayed up late. He was in L.A. anyway. And he said he had this script about Native Americans that he wanted me to read. Never got the script, never heard from him again.

Q: Why was he your guy?
A: Brando was a brother. So I’ll leave it at that. [Laughs.]

Q: A big supporter of the civil rights movement.
A: You know, when Sidney Poitier and Harry Belafonte went to Hollywood, they went to Brando, they went to Paul Newman, they went Peter Lawford, they went to James Garner. They went to Charlton Heston, who did a complete turn [later]. And these big-time Hollywood stars wrote checks to keep the movement going. And they got kind of lost in the sauce. But they went to Selma. They went to Montgomery. They were there.

Q: Any films you’ve seen lately that are inspiring you?
A: Well, you know, Scorsese, that’s my guy. “Killers of the Flower Moon” is a great film. That Native American woman, Lily Gladstone, she’s winning an Oscar. And I don’t think that’s a supporting role. I think that’s a leading role. She’s got my vote.

Q: She’s actually submitted herself for lead actress.
A: Good! She should not go for the okey-doke.

And Chris Nolan with “Oppenheimer,” you know, he’s a massive filmmaker. Great film. I showed [“Dunkirk”] in my class. And this is not a criticism. It’s a comment. How long was that film [“Oppenheimer”]?

Q: Three hours.
A: If it’s three hours, I would like to add some more minutes about what happened to the Japanese people. People got vaporized. Many years later, people are radioactive. It’s not like he didn’t have power. He tells studios what to do. I would have loved to have the end of the film maybe show what it did, dropping those two nuclear bombs on Japan. Understand, this is all love. And I bet he could tell me some things he would change about “Do the Right Thing” and “Malcolm X.”

Q: When you accepted an honor from the Toronto International Film Festival in September, you talked about how two critics, Joe Klein and David Denby, had predicted that “Do the Right Thing” would start riots when it came out in 1989. What do you think the reaction would be if it came out today?
A: If it came out today, Black people would still *not* riot and bring bloodshed, which is what those guys said. The film came in 1989, a lot inspired by graffiti artist Michael Stewart, who got murdered by New York Transit Authority cops and here we are. You look at “Do the Right Thing” now, what the NYPD did, the strangle chokehold on [movie character] Radio Raheem, you’re going to think about George Floyd and Eric Garner. … We got the crystal ball. We were talking about gentrification. We were talking about global warming.

Q: At the time, you credited the movie with aiding the election of David Dinkins as New York City’s first Black mayor and getting Mayor Ed Koch out of office. Still think that’s true?
A: Didn’t help him! [Laughs.] I mean, we had a scene where we had graffiti written that says, “Dump Koch.” And at the end of the movie, the final shot, Sam Jackson as Mister Señor Love Daddy, he said, “Remember people, remember to vote, remember to register to vote.” I knew the Democratic primary was gonna be in September. This film just came out in August. That was not an accident. Koch had to go.

Q: The movie made it onto the American Film Institute’s Top 100 list in 2007. Did it feel like it was about time?
A: You know what’s more important to me? It’s on the National Film Registry with the Library of Congress. Forever and ever. I’ve got four films on the national registry: “Do the Right Thing,” “4 Little Girls,” “Malcolm X” and “She’s Gotta Have It.” I think the great stuff, you don’t have an expiration date. It’s not milk. “Do the Right Thing” is not gonna curdle!

Q: Back when you started your career, people would line up outside theaters for opening night. We had blockbusters and a kind of collective viewing experience that could do things like influence elections. Do you think that’s possible with streaming now?
A: It’s not [about] the form. I remember when “Roots” came out. That was tremendous. That was on television. So it doesn’t matter whether it’s a television

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Our friends are getting divorced, and one has asked us to side against the ex

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

Hi, Carolyn: My spouse and I know several couples who are divorcing. In one case, we are “better” friends with one person in the couple, but still friends with both. Post-split, we have reached out to both parties and tried to keep our and our kids’ friendships going in this rough stretch. This effort is one of the ways we have been trying to give back and help people we care about as they deal with the loss of their marriage.

Now the closer friend is saying they feel uncomfortable with having mutual friends with their soon-to-be-ex. Our past experiences with breakups were all pre-kids, before we knew how hard it was going to be to make and keep good adult friends. In the past, we would have been less proactive about reaching out to both, and probably kept only the better friend out of inertia. But I don’t know. We’re older. It feels weird to have someone draw a line like that. I also get how they might need space and to be surrounded by people who are 100 percent “for” them.

Anyway, our current take is to say, “Yeah, that is understandable,” but we aren’t going to stop being friends with the other person. Does that mean we stop reaching out to the friend who is uncomfortable? Do we say, “We love you, but we aren’t going to choose sides, let us know whether you still want to be friends with us right now”? Do we just say, “Yeah, that must be hard,” then let them figure out we’re still friends with the other person? Do we say, “We love you, this is raw right now, let’s take a break and make a plan to hang out in a few months”?

— *Wanna Stay Friends*

Wanna Stay Friends: First thing you do is preempt any misunderstandings.

They: “I am feeling uncomfortable with having mutual friends with my soon-to-be-ex.”

You: “Understandably. But I trust all of us to be adult and discreet. Is that what you mean? Or are you asking us to drop Ex as our friend?”

Talking your way to what you and this friend can accept, regardless of the outcome, sounds so much better than those permutations of ignoring people or dropping them without explanation. As needed, you can always say you aren’t comfortable deciding anything off the cuff and promise to get back to your friend with an answer.

I prefer it when people don’t ask this of others, or at least not lightly — meaning, don’t ask except when the exes in question are guilty of blatant mistreatment or bad faith. Absent such abuse, it’s a sign of respect to empower friends to navigate their allegiances for themselves.

One reader’s thoughts:

• At the time of my divorce, most people were clear about their desire to stay neutral and friends with both parties, and I accepted that, much as I wanted to scream about her abuse to me and the children. Over time, almost everyone took sides anyway. I tried as best I could to accept it, enjoy the associations I had and lament the ones I lost.

My ex’s take was simply this: If you stay friends with my husband, then you are dirt and not worthy to even talk to. And over time, a lot of people who started “on her side” came to regret their choice and are friends with me again, or with neither of us. I feel sorry for her loss of friends.

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show, a streamer or in the theater. It's what we're seeing, what the audience is seeing, that's where the power comes from.

Q: Now your big project is an ESPN documentary series tentatively called "Da Saga of Colin Kaepernick." Any idea when it'll come out?
A: We're still working on it. You know, when I got the call to do it, from Kap, I said, "Of course." But it takes time. This is an opportunity for him to tell his story at length.

Q: Conservatives attacked Kaepernick for kneeling during the national anthem at NFL games as a protest of police brutality, and Donald Trump and others called him unpatriotic. Will you be featuring Trump?
A: He said, "Get that SOB off the field." I don't call him by his name. I call him Agent Orange. And that was really one of his points in campaigning! Kaepernick kneeling during the national anthem. He's in there all right. He was in the end of "BlacKkKlansman," [when it cuts to real footage of the 2017 white supremacy rally] in Charlottesville. "Very fine people."

Q: Have you been following Trump's trial for alleged fraud in New York?

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Photos from the set of Lee's semi-autobiographical 1994 film "Crooklyn," shot on location in New York. Lee directed, co-wrote and appeared in the film as Snuffy, a character who loves to sniff glue.

A: My sister [Letitia James, New York's attorney general] is not scared. He can say all he wants. She's a strong Black woman. She ain't scared. Don't mess with her. You'll get your feelings hurt. And you might go to jail, too. You might go to the hoosegow!

Q: Just going back to Kap, what makes you so interested in athlete protesters?
A: Number one, they have the platform. And they're taking a great risk and they're risking their careers. Kaepernick hasn't played in seven years. John Carlos, Tommie Smith [track stars who raised their fists in a Black power salute on the Olympic podium in 1968 and were kicked out of the Games], they were left out to dry. Muhammad Ali lost three years of his prime because he refused to fight an unjust war. When you stand up for Black people, for Brown people, even for women's rights — if you're leading that, you're a target and you're going to pay a price for that.

Q: Talking to you, I'm struck by what it means for an athlete to lose any part of their career, since their careers are so short. Is that why you wanted to make the series?
A: Why did I want to do the two documentaries about [Hurricane] Katrina? Why did I want to do the documentary "4 Little Girls"? And I never like to talk about this, but this is the truth: A week before the theatrical run of "4 Little Girls," I get a call from the FBI saying they want to see the print. I send them the print. And the day after the film debuted at Film Forum, the FBI [reopened the investigation and later] charged two people for murder. I forget their names.

[Note: Thomas E. Blanton Jr. and Bobby Frank Cherry, who had been members of the Ku Klux Klan, were suspects for decades in the horrific 1963, dynamite-fueled bombing that killed four African American girls — Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley, Carole Robertson and Denise McNair, ages 11 to 14 — and injured more than 20 others. In 2001 and 2002, Blanton and Cherry were convicted of four counts of murder each and sentenced to life in prison, where they died at 82 and 74, respectively. Another Klan member, Robert Chambliss, had been convicted of murder in 1977, at 73, and died in prison at 81. A fourth conspirator, Herman Cash, died in the mid-'90s before the FBI reopened the case.]

But the FBI knew who did it that week [of the bombing]. The motherf---er's nickname was Dynamite Bob! They knew who planted those [19] sticks of dynamite. So 20-something years later, the day after "4 Little Girls" opens, you press charges? They knew! J. Edgar Hoover was no friend of Black people, Martin Luther King Jr. or the civil rights movement. [Wiretapping] Dr. King and then sending those tapes [of his extramarital affairs] to Coretta Scott King. Who does that type of stuff? And say, "We're gonna make these tapes public if you don't commit suicide." The FBI knew who those terrorists were. It was homegrown, red, white and blue, apple pie, Fourth of July terrorism.

Q: You said it was really emotional being down there, 60 years after the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing. What struck you most about the day?
A: That in some ways, it was a celebration. First of all, we're in a Baptist church. So you know we had singing, you know we had the choir. It's one of those things where you're sad, but your spirit is high. I know that might sound crazy, but that's the way I felt, that we knew that we're in the exact place, 60 years ago, where those motherf---ers planted the sticks of dynamite.

You know what was funny though? That thing that happened in Montgomery with the boat. … You don't know nothing about this?

[Calls out to his teaching assistant in the other room.] Kwesi! Find me them clips of what happened in Montgomery! With the boat

[Note: A Black riverboat co-captain spent 45 minutes asking a private pontoon boat, via loudspeaker, to move so he could dock, and he was met with taunts and yelling from the White passengers. When he was transported to the dock to talk with them, they attacked him. Three White men and one White woman were charged with assault. A Black man wielding a folding chair and hailed by many as a hero, was charged with disorderly conduct.]

[Lee, watching the video:] They wouldn't move their boat for the big boat. Uh oh! He took off his hat! [Laughs.] What! What! So they're trying to gang up on this guy. Then here come our folks! All at once! Here they come!

[Lee asks his assistant to pull up a new video.] You gotta find one when the swinging starts! Where's the melee? M-E-L-E-E! There's one guy that jumped off the paddle boat to come help his brother. And Black folks are saying, "Black Aquaman! Black Aquaman!" I'm not trying to make light of violence, but we're not having that no more. We're not having that.

Q: What was it like seeing Ketanji Brown Jackson, the first Black woman to be a Supreme Court Justice, give a speech at the 16th Street Baptist Church?
A: I shook her hand. I told her a joke. I said, "Look, if I get a traffic ticket, you gotta get me out of jail." She laughed. It wasn't like "Haha!" She went [*titters*]. But what was scary, when she went up to the podium, the protection she needs. She had two people on each side of her that had, like, an attaché case, which was a machine gun. They're not going to publicize it, rightly so, but I put money down my sister has had numerous death threats since she became the first Black woman in the highest court in the land.

Q: You had quite the September.
A: What happened? [Laughs.]

Q: Getting the Ebert Director Award at the Toronto International Film Festival. And you moderated the reunion of the Talking Heads at the premiere of the rerelease of remastered, Imax "Stop Making Sense." How'd that happen?
A: [Singer] David Byrne and I are friends. I've done stuff with him before. And I was honored that — because you know they hadn't been together in, like, decades — they all said, "Bet." They were cool with me doing it.

Q: Were you worried about them not getting along?
A: I don't know what happened afterward. But that night, that day, it was peace and love. And I wasn't trying to be, you know, Geraldo Rivera, and start [something]. Number one, gotta give praise to the late, great [director] Jonathan Demme. He did his thing with that. And they blew it up on Imax and redid the sound, so it was a great, great, great night. I got up to dance for "Once in a Lifetime." I had to.

Q: And you were at what looked like every game of the U.S. Open.
A: Coco! [Laughs.] You see at the women's final I was rocking my Kaepernick jersey, too.

Q: What was it like being there?
A: It was herstory. Not history. Herstory. 19 years old. And Arthur Ashe Stadium seats 24,000. I mean, it was a home-crowd advantage, that's for sure. I felt sorry for [Coco Gauff's] opponent for a minute because she wasn't winning today. That was not happening.

Q: Is she the best you've seen since Serena?
A: I think we get sidetracked comparing people. Even Michael Jordan said on record, [clapping to emphasize his words] "I'm not gonna say I'm the greatest player ever." But you know what? There's other people that say it. Like me! [Laughs.] He's the G.O.A.T.! He won't say it. [Laughs.] I'm not saying that to the detriment of my brother, LeBron. All love. And it makes sense that people who have only seen Michael Jordan on YouTube [that they don't get it]. Michael's retired and they grew up seeing LeBron [James]. I'm not mad at that.

Q: You showed me a pair of game-worn Jordans from a 1996 Bulls vs. Knicks matchup that Michael gave to you. Did you ask him for them?
A: Hell yeah, I asked him! The Bulls won the game 107-86, and look at Mike, he wrote: "To Spike, sorry!"

Q: Who's your guy in this election coming up?
A: What election?

Q: The one that's happening in 2024.
A: John Starks for president! Just joking. You don't know the answer to that question?

Q: I know the answer. But do you have any thoughts about President Biden running again?
A: I know many times in my films I wore the cap of "Negrodamus." [Laughs.] With "Do the Right Thing," we projected a lot of stuff. But I can't call this upcoming election. Yet! There's people getting on Biden for his age, his son. . . . The motivation I feel for Joe now versus the first time is not the same. So they've got a lot of work to do.

Q: How do you think Trump's chances are?
A: Well, God help us. When he was in office, every night I would say, "Please, Lord. I hope they gave him the wrong number for the nuclear code."

Q: Are you worried about Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis as his most formidable opponent?
A: Hell yeah. I don't want him to have the nuclear code. No time.

Q: They're banning the teaching of Black history in Florida.
A: You know what I say? If you're gonna be about it, be about it. Start burning books like Nazi Germany while you're at it. Go ahead. Why are you faking the funk? We know that's what you want to do. Go ahead.

Q: It's not just banning books, it's teaching that enslaved people actually learned life skills.
A: First of all, enslaved people were farmers and all types of stuff before they were stolen from Mother Africa. It's not like they got here and Master told them what to do. So the skills you thought we learned, we knew already. Africans created civilization, so I don't know what you're talking about. You remember how in "Do the Right Thing" Giancarlo says "Boycott Sal's"? Boycott Florida! [Laughs.] Boycott Florida!

Hell with 'em. Now, the weather's great. I'm not gonna front. Miami's nice. But you know how sometimes we're New Yorkers, and we don't think we're necessarily part of New York State, like Buffalo and all that. So, can we move Miami? Let's have Miami secede from the state of Florida.

RETROPOLIS

The McRib is back (again)! Its rise was fueled by a Chicken McNugget shortage.

BY **TIMOTHY BELLA**

For more than four decades, four words in fast food have captured the appetite and imagination of millions around the world who have craved a guilty pleasure for a limited time only: "The McRib is back."

While the barbecue-flavored pork sandwich did not find immediate success for McDonald's and seemed destined for doom, something unusual happened that signaled that the McRib would not be easy to kill off: There weren't enough chickens to keep up with the wild success of Chicken McNuggets. McDonald's needed another hot item for its locations to promote, and in 1981, René Arend, the executive chef for McDonald's, knew it was time to push the McRib as a viable alternative.

"The McNuggets were so well received that every franchise wanted them. There wasn't a system to supply enough chicken," Arend, who invented the McRib and McNuggets, told Maxim in 2009. "We had to come up with something to give the other franchises as a new product. So the McRib came about because of the shortage of chickens."

The decision put the McRib on the map, making the sandwich — featuring restructured pork meat shaped like a miniature rack of ribs, barbecue sauce, onions and pickles on a homestyle roll — a culinary curiosity that has cemented itself as one of the biggest limited-time attractions in fast-food history. The McRib has been celebrated as a cultural phenomenon by fans and panned as an abomination by critics. It has been parodied by shows such as "The Simpsons" and "Family Guy," all while the McRib has been killed off and brought back more times than Michael Myers in "Halloween."

"I'm sure he would be thrilled that a part of his creativity and ingenuity and those of his kitchen team live on through the sale of the McRib," said Lucy Habeck, Arend's daughter. Arend died in August 2016 at 88, she said.

Nearly a year after the sandwich's latest "farewell tour," McDonald's announced Wednesday that — spoiler warning — the McRib is back. The McRib will be available in limited markets starting in November, the company announced. It's unclear where exactly the McRib will be available.

"It turns out not everyone was ready to say goodbye to the McRib," the company said in a news release.

Though the McRib has a devoted fan base, including an online tracker to help locate the elusive sandwich, fast-food consumers weren't always craving a pork product. The National Pork Producers Council wanted to change that. It approached Roger Mandigo, an animal science professor at the University of Nebraska in the 1970s, about creating a product with pork trimmings that could be sold to fast-food companies. The lobby group had one specific company in mind.

"The pork producers wanted to see more pork on the menu, and they were targeting McDonald's," Mandigo told NPR in 2011.

The request turned Mandigo into a pioneer for restructured meat products, which were commonly manufactured by using lower-valued meat trimmings that had been reduced in size by comminution, such as flaking, chopping or slicing. As Mandigo explained with his colleagues in a 1995 paper published by the university, a comminuted meat mixture is mixed with salt and water to extract salt-soluble proteins, which, in turn, produce a "glue" that binds the meat muscle pieces together. The muscle pieces can then be reformed to produce a "meat log" of specific form or shape and can be cut into steaks or chops that can look similar in appearance and texture to their intact muscle counterparts when they are cooked.

"Most people would be extremely unhappy if they were served heart or tongue on a plate," Mandigo said in "Food Chains: From Farmyard to Shopping Cart," a 2008 book by Warren Belasco and Roger Horowitz. "But flaked into a restructured product it loses its identity. Such products as tripe, heart and scalded stomachs are high in protein, completely edible, wholesome and nutritious, and most are already used in sausage without objection."

With the technology in place, the inspiration for the McRib came from Arend, then a 31-year-old chef who had cooked in luxury hotels in the United States and Europe, serving the likes of Queen Elizabeth II and Cary Grant. Arend was lured away from his gourmet gigs by the stability, salary and benefits McDonald's could offer — and the challenge of lifting up the chain's menu options.

"They asked me several times to come to McDonald's. I said, 'I'm a chef, I don't believe in hamburgers,' " Arend recalled to the New York Times in 1981. "But when I came, I wanted to do for the people out there in the street what I did for those who were rich."

Habeck said of her father, "One of the things that brought him the most joy was creating food for the masses, and his McDonald's position gave him the opportunity to do just that."

The idea for the McRib came after the chef had enjoyed some Southern barbecue, he said in 2009.

"I had just come back from Charleston, South Carolina, where I ate sandwiches made from pulled pork," Arend told Maxim. "I said to myself, 'Something with that flavor should really go over.' "

But Arend did not want to do a pulled pork sandwich. Instead, he wanted a boneless pork sandwich that could trick people into thinking they were eating a rack of ribs.

"Some thought, 'Why not just make it round?' It would've been easier," Arend said to the magazine. "But I wanted it to look like a slab of ribs."

The creation of the McRib was needed after the McNuggets outperformed all expectations and turned McDonald's into one of the world's largest chicken retailers. The company did the same for pork. Mandigo told the Associated Press in 1982 that McDonald's was buying up to 1.5 million pounds of pork shoulder a week from a nationwide supply of anywhere between 2.4 million to 4 million pounds.

"This seems to be the most successful new product McDonald's has had since the Big Mac," William Trainer, an analyst for Merrill Lynch, told the AP at the time. McDonald's played into the uniqueness of the sandwich, running ads promoting "a new kind of 'que."

Despite the initial success when it was introduced in menus in the Kansas City area in 1981, its sales were slumping to the point that the company indicated that the McRib would never return.

"The ribs haven't met our expectations as a sandwich, and McDonald's is exploring other options for ways to make it work," McDonald's spokeswoman Stephanie Skurdy said to the Toronto Star in 1983. "We're trying to … decide whether to discontinue the product."

It was one of many times the company said the sandwich was going away, only for it to return. The McRib found sustained success in Germany and Luxembourg and has come back to American stores as a special attraction. The sandwich got an advertising bump in summer 1994 during a promotion for the theatrical release of "The Flintstones."

Since then, McDonald's has had at least four "farewell tours" for the sandwich, in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2022.

While some have tried to give Mandigo credit for inventing the McRib, the meat scientist has been adamant that Arend and McDonald's made the sandwich. He just gave them the technology to do it amid a Chicken McNugget crisis.

"We played an important role in the technology to bind pieces of meat to each other," he told the Lincoln Journal Star in 2010. "I didn't invent the McRib sandwich. McDonald's did that."

Habeck said her dad "would be thrilled that his grandchildren, Ryan and Sarah, are able to enjoy his creations."

"He really lit up when he saw generations of children enjoying McNuggets and McRibs," she said, "and it would be his dearest wish that children everywhere and their parents continue to enjoy these McDonald's favorites."

In 2023, a reboot of 'The Office' would happen in a very different workplace

'THE OFFICE' FROM C1

its workers and their relationships to one another. Even in a workplace that made full-time office returns mandatory, like Ferreira's, managers attending the same meeting won't huddle in a conference room, but Zoom into the meeting at their desks, he says.

Laurie Chamberlin leads recruitment solutions in North America for the LLH, a global human resources provider and temp staffing firm, and has seen firsthand how offices have shifted all over the country.

"For most companies, one of the first things that we're going to notice right away is that you're not seeing the same cast of characters Monday to Friday," she said.

This means for hybrid offices, a smirking everyman like Jim Halpert (played by John Krasinski) and a raging power-nerd like Dwight Schrute (Rainn Wilson) may not even cross paths during the workweek. Some companies may even shutter the office on specific days.

One scenario Chamberlin has personally witnessed: "You're at the office, and no one else is."

And answering an office landline? Who even gives that number out anymore?

Not Gracie Lafevre, an executive assistant who works for the federal government. Her office recently began requiring workers to return three days a week. Lafevre, 25, doesn't even know what her office phone number is.

"Much like Ken's job is beach, my job is email," she said, referencing the "Barbie" movie. "And Google Meets."

A character with Dwight's narc tendencies would also take a very online flavor, Ferreira speculates: Dwight is "definitely installing [surveillance] software on people's computers. You know, just tracking keystrokes and how long the computer's been asleep."

The spectrum of office high jinks has also changed. Less hiding your neighbor's staplers and more turning your shyest colleague into a Slack emoji — then a viral meme. New battle lines have also been drawn over the open-seating floor plan: Who gets the prime "hotel desk" or comfiest chair? Who always seems to secure a meeting room but — you know, not to judge or anything — doesn't seem to be *working*?

"The Office" — both the British and U.S. versions — excelled at creating and building out archetypal characters, part of the reason it's so easy to cut and paste the show's cast over today's workplace environment. We all know the manager too eager to be included; the co-worker hopelessly devoted to their pets; the militant try-hard three desks over. But technology and cultural changes also mean a 2023 version of the show would have a whole new set of character types.

MARQUIS PERKINS/MARÍA ALCONADA BROOKS/THE WASHINGTON POST; FREDERICK M. BROWN/ GETTY IMAGES; ISTOCK

A 2023-based reboot would not be complete without the much-maligned (and imitated) Gen Z worker, about whom a growing portion of #WorkTok is centered.

Natalie Marshall, formerly of a "big four" consulting firm, is now better known as her "Corporate Natalie" persona on social media. Recently, several of her highest-performing videos show Marshall looking at a screen, delivering careful feedback to an imaginary Gen-Z employee.

"I think when you said to Brian, our key decision-maker, 'Sup dude,' … a small part of him was excited, and maybe a big part of him was like, 'I'm never working with this team again,' " Marshall deadpans.

A fan of "The Office," Marshall, a millennial, thinks the generational differences in today's office are "kind of funnier now and look a lot different than they did then."

Others sketched a similar character: The chronically online Gen-Z worker running the company TikTok account, dressed in crop tops and cargo pants, ghosting work in the middle of the day, filling the work Slack channels with memes and "slay" and "QUEEN!"

Lafevre, a member of Gen Z, corroborated some of this — she likes "seeing people on my terms, on my schedule" and feels awkward with in-person social interactions, like whom to sit with at lunch. But the mockery cuts both ways. What she considers to be mundane and fairly simple office tasks are befuddling or tedious to some of her superiors:

"I'm like, 'Honey, you're asking me how to print out a PDF?' "

Then there's the office influencer, whose days and machinations are captured on social media (we're looking at you, Ferreira); the mysterious remote employee who seems to be on permanent vacation ("It's like, are those seagulls I hear in the background?" Lafevre said); and the side-hustler discreetly trying to juggle multiple jobs.

"I was getting my hair done," HR exec Chamberlin recalled, "and the woman kept turning the dryer off. She was on Bluetooth. She had another job and she had to periodically respond to what they were saying."

Of course, "The Office" was far more than its instantly memeable characters — its magic was in its relationships: Pam and Jim, Jim and Dwight, Dwight and Michael, Michael and everybody. From that perspective, what's fundamentally different about today's workplace is the dwindling number of people with whom you have that 40-hours-a-week (or more) relationship. People you would otherwise never meet, let alone hang out with.

Still, we clearly can't stop thinking about, lampooning or complaining about our workplaces, even if fewer of us have a 9-5 relationship to it. At the height of the covid outbreak, which coincided with the 15th anniversary of the American show, many turned to "The Office" as their comfort watch. Here was a place where the routines and faces were familiar and soothing; where among the mundane and the inane, there was heart.

It may not have reflected the reality of our own workplaces — "You would hope to walk in and everyone is a Jim and a Pam, but really everyone's an Angela," Ferreira quipped. But the show's continued omnipresence — and our continued insistence on documenting all of our workplace trials, tribulations and cringe — suggests we actually never left "The Office" at all.

Ferreira has an idea on how to open a 2023 reboot, by the way.

"A Zoom meeting mandating everybody back to the office. But, you know, seeing everybody's reaction as they're, like, in their home, still in bed, sleeping in their pajamas. Like, 'I got to go back now?' " he said. "I think that would be very cool."

Crocs will start selling ventilated cowboy boots later this month, spurs and all

BY JANAY KINGSBERRY

Crocs is taking a step into the wild west this month.

As part of its annual "Croctober" celebration, the foam footwear company on Thursday unveiled the Crocs Classic Cowboy Boot. It features traditional western-inspired embroidery, shiny spurs, a "crocskin" texture and, naturally, the signature ventilation holes that have helped polarize the fashion world around the clogs.

The new boots come after years of mounting demand from fans, the company said in a press release, calling it one of the most widely requested shoe designs in the brand's history.

That claim is challenging to confirm, although some people have certainly fantasized about the idea. A beer company mocked up a Croc boot in 2021 to some acclaim, for example.

The real ones, which go on sale later this month, are quickly turning into one of the brand's most debated styles.

Bree Kish modeled the boots for her followers on TikTok after receiving a pair from the company. The shoes let out a few squeaks as she attempted what might be a line dance.

Others were decidedly skeptical.

"It's the fact they left the holes and are now unpractical as actual boots," a user commented beneath the post. And one user on X, formerly Twitter, bridged the gap by calling the shoes "ugly cute."

It's hardly the company's first stomp into the boot world. Crocs sells a few variations of boots on its website. It also previously collaborated with Balenciaga to create a pair of $895 rain boots. And earlier this year, the brand partnered with online retailer Huckberry for a limited release of Western-style boots designed with the signature Crocs silhouette for added comfort, earning the nickname "croots."

CROCS, INC.

Crocs Classic Cowboy Boot.

Crocs first launched in 2002 at a Florida boat show where all 200 prototypes sold out, The Washington Post previously reported. As word spread, sales boomed and the brand saw rapid expansion until the 2008 Great Recession brought losses of $185 million and a near-bankruptcy for the company.

After falling out of fashion for a few years, the signature foam clogs saw a resurgence during the coronavirus pandemic, as Americans sought out the comfortable slip-on shoes to wander about their homes and gardens. The brand also overhauled its business strategy to expand its reach and celebrity partnerships — making its way from living room carpets to Hollywood red carpets.

The Crocs Classic Cowboy Boots are priced at $120 and will be available for a limited time online and in select retail stores starting Oct. 23, better recognized as "Croc Day" among fans.

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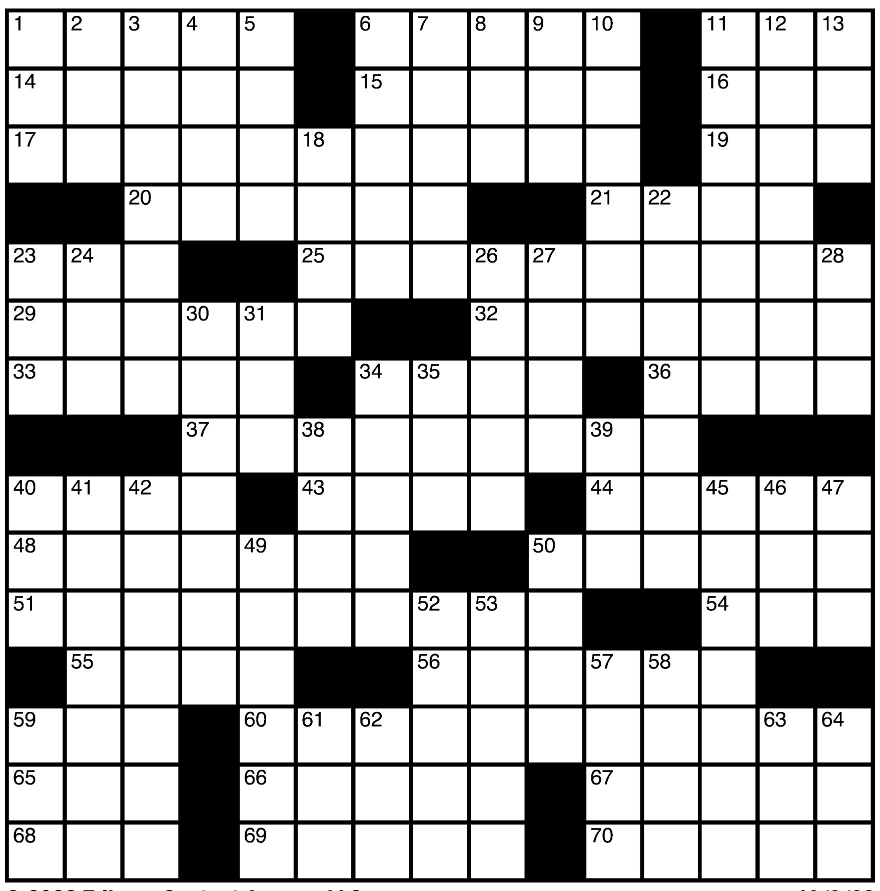

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Your canine friends won't be in their feelings over Drake's 'For All the Dogs'

BY HERB SCRIBNER

Drake released his new album "For All the Dogs" Friday morning after months of anticipation. The album's cover shows a rather terrifying dog drawn with crayon (by Drake's son, Adonis, no less). And the newspaper ad that announced the album in June included a small photo of two young puppies.

But, is "For All the Dogs" actually *for* the dogs?

Sure, the album's title is most likely a play on words for the term "dog," which often refers to a friend or, in some situations, a romantic partner who is less than loyal. And yes, Drake has mentioned dogs in his lyrics before, and included audio clips of dogs barking, too.

Drake, after all, is a bit of a dog guy — having been spotted hopping around New York City in a dog mask or showing off his dogs in album promotional art. He's mused about dogs in his songs before, too. On the 2015 bop "Company," he sang, "I only text her, man, I never call/I'm still a canine at heart, I'm a dog." And on Future's 2022 hit "Wait For U," which Drake featured on with Tems, he solemnly rapped, "Supposed to be your dog, but you done put me in a kennel."

Though representatives for Drake declined to comment when asked if the album was produced with dogs in mind, or if Drake had any comments on dogs in general, research shows that softer and more melodic tunes — like those you'd find on a typical Drake album — might be a good fit for pups.

"Ultimately if a track makes you, the dog's owner, happy, sad, hopeful, your mood will be picked up by your dog," said Anna Webb, an animal behavior expert and host of "A Dog's Life" podcast.

Music is often seen as therapeutic for dogs, according to the American Kennel Club, which shares research about canines. Calmer music can ease their anxiety and keep their energy low.

A dog's ears are more sensitive than humans' so they can pick up on more sounds, which is why softer tunes make them feel more at ease.

Webb said that rap and hip-hop are "not good for dogs" because it often moves faster than classical or reggae, which have the same rhythm as a dog's heartbeat. Generally, she said, music that appeases canines the most has a similar or slower beat than a dog's heart rate, which is around 80 to 120 beats per minute.

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PHOTO BY KYLE GUSTAFSON FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Drake named his much anticipated new album, left, which was released Friday, "For All the Dogs." Drake's relaxed flow actually might make your dog a fan of his music, though experts say the loud, staccato beats of most hip-hop music is not good for canines.

Most rap falls outside those parameters with about 140 beats per minute, she said. But some Drake songs, like his older hits "Find Your Love" and "Hold On, We're Going Home" would be fine for dogs because of their slower tempo.

Scroll through Spotify and you'll see playlist after playlist for your canine, including collections for road trips with your pup, or when you're trying to calm them down.

The production company RelaxMyDog has been producing music for dogs since 2011 to improve mental health among dogs who are having a rough — or ruff — time. Through user feedback, the company found that certain genres and sounds appealed to dogs, according to The Guardian.

The findings aren't far off from what the Scottish SPCA and the University of Glasgow found in a 2017 study — classical music interested dogs, but they often become bored of the genre. Reggae and soft rock music reduced stress, barking habits and heart rates among our furry friends, the research found.

Similarly, a January 2023 study found dogs feel calmer after classical music, too, as their breathing slowed and they were less likely to pace around after hearing it. But heavy metal — with its slashing guitar vibrations and grungy lyrics — doesn't do the same.

In fact, other research suggests that short notes played in quick succession (like you might hear in metal or rap songs) inspired dogs to move more, whereas softer tones made dogs fall asleep.

At the end of the day, dogs will adjust to your interests and listening habits, experts said. Your favorite song becomes normal for your pup when it's played over and over again.

"They feed off us and respond to us," said Kristi Flynn, assistant professor for the University of Minnesota's department of veterinary clinical sciences. "If we're just comfortable and listening to the music we like, where life is good and everybody's happy, then they're happy and comfortable as well."

That's because dogs try to reflect human behavior and mimic a person's emotions, said Jennifer Skiff, the director of the international programs for the anti-animal cruelty group Animal Wellness Action who produced a CD for dogs called, "The Divinity of Dogs: Music to Calm Dogs and the People Who Love Them."

So there's potential for dogs and puppies everywhere to enjoy Drake's new album (assuming, of course, that you do as well), Skiff said.

"If Drake comes out with something that is melodic and creates happiness, then it's probably going to be happiness for everyone in the family," she said. "If you're jumping up and down and moving to the groove, the dog probably will too."

MOVIE DIRECTORY

Monday, October 9, 2023
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DISTRICT

AMC Georgetown 14
3111 K Street N.W.
The Witch (R) CC: 7:00
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 2:15-7:15
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 12:15-2:30-4:45-8:15-9:20
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 4:40
The Royal Hotel (R) CC: 12:30-2:50-5:15-7:35-10:00
The Nun II (R) CC: 2:00-9:45
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 1:00-3:30-7:15-9:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:40-4:50
Bottoms (R) CC: 12:40-3:00-5:20-7:40-10:00
Dumb Money (R) CC: 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 2:00-4:40-7:20-10:00
Saw X (R) CC: 12:00-2:45-5:30-10:30
Strange Way of Life (R) CC: 3:00-9:15
She Came to Me (R) CC: 12:15-5:10
Stop Making Sense (PG) CC: 12:00-5:00-10:00
When Evil Lurks 2:45-10:25
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:00-10:00
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 1:00-3:40-6:20-9:00
Saw X (R) OC: 7:40
Strange Way of Life (R) OC: 7:15
The Creator (PG-13) OC: 7:00

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - DC Bryant Street
630 Rhode Island Ave NE
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 11:45-3:00-6:00
The Cabin in the Woods (R) 7:00
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 12:00-2:00-5:00-6:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 3:15
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 12:30-3:45
Stop Making Sense (PG) 6:15
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 9:00
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 1:15
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 12:15-3:30-6:45-9:45
Dumb Money (R) 1:00-4:00-7:15-10:15
Saw X (R) 4:00-7:30-9:15
The Creator (PG-13) 11:45-2:45-4:15-7:45-9:30
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 8:00-10:00
Saw X (R) 12:45

Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market
550 Penn Street NE - Unit E
Dumb Money (R) 7:40; 2:10-4:40
Mutiny in Heaven: The Birthday Party 7:00
The Creator (PG-13) 2:00-4:45-7:10
Stop Making Sense (PG) 4:50

Avalon Theatre
5612 Connecticut Avenue
Scrapper 12:45-3:00-5:15-7:30
Dumb Money (R) 12:00-2:20-4:45

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th Street Northwest
The Storms of Jeremy Thomas 3:00-5:30
The Royal Hotel (R) 8:00
Finding Her Beat 7:00
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 3:25-7:45
Fair Play (R) 3:00-5:30-8:00
Bottoms (R) 3:30
Dumb Money (R) 7:30
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 7:35
Strange Way of Life (R) 3:45-7:15
Stop Making Sense (PG) 3:15
The Royal Hotel (R) 4:00
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 4:15

Regal Gallery Place
701 Seventh Street Northwest
Surprise Film (NR) 7:00
Barbie (PG-13) 11:30-2:40-5:40-8:40
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:50-5:50-8:20
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The Exorcist: Believer (R) 12:30-1:00-1:30-3:30-4:00-6:30-7:20-7:40-9:30; 4:30

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road
Flora and Son (R) 5:10-7:10
Stop Making Sense (1999) (NR) OC: 1:30
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Dumb Money (R) 12:45-2:15-9:10
Strange Way of Life (R) 3:30-4:30-8:00-9:30
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Stop Making Sense (1999) (NR) 12:15-3:00-6:00

AMC Academy 8
6198 Greenbelt Road
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 1:00-2:00-3:15-4:15-5:30-6:45
Expend4bles (R) CC: 1:10-7:30
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 1:20-4:20-7:00
The Nun II (R) CC: 4:00
Dumb Money (R) CC: 1:50-4:40-7:20
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 4:30-7:15-8:00
Saw X (R) CC: 2:15-5:00-7:45
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 1:45

AMC Annapolis Mall 11
1020 Annapolis Mall Road
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 12:00-2:45-4:40-7:00
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The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 12:10-4:00-6:30-9:45
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 1:20-4:20-6:50-9:30
The Royal Hotel (R) CC: 12:00-2:20-4:10-8:00-10:10
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A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 1:40-4:30-7:10-10:20
Dumb Money (R) CC: 12:30-3:00-5:35-8:10-10:45
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 12:00-2:15-5:05-6:40-7:45-9:20-10:30
Saw X (R) CC: 1:10-5:00-7:50-9:10-10:40
The Blind (PG-13) 12:50-3:50

AMC Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd.
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 10:30-12:00-1:00-2:15-3:15-4:30-5:45-7:10
Expend4bles (R) CC: 10:50-4:05
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:20-6:45
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 10:15-1:45-4:00-7:40
The Nun II (R) CC: 11:40-2:30-5:10-7:45
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The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 10:40-1:30-4:15-7:00-8:00
Saw X (R) CC: 11:15-2:00-4:45-7:30

AMC Columbia 14
10300 Little Patuxent Parkway
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 1:00-2:00-3:20-4:20-6:00-8:30
Expend4bles (R) CC: 6:40-9:20
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The Royal Hotel (R) CC: 1:30-4:00-6:30-9:00
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The Nun II (R) CC: 4:15-6:55-9:40
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 1:35-4:25-7:05-9:40
Dumb Money (R) CC: 1:20-4:10-6:55-9:35
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 3:00-6:00-8:45
Saw X (R) CC: 1:00-3:45-6:35-9:35
Strange Way of Life (R) CC: 1:00-3:00-5:00
The Creator - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 1:00
Stop Making Sense (PG) CC: 1:45
When Evil Lurks 7:00-9:35
Exorcist: Believer - The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 4:00-6:45-9:45
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) CC: 1:25-4:05-6:40-9:15
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 2:00-5:00; 7:45

AMC DINE-IN Rio Cinemas 18
9811 Washingtonian Center
The Witch (R) CC: 7:00
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 11:30-2:15
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 10:30-11:15-12:50-1:45-4:15-5:45-6:45-9:15
Expend4bles (R) CC: 1:00-3:45-8:00-10:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 9:15
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 11:30-12:45-4:00-7:15-10:30
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 8:15
The Nun II (R) CC: 12:00-2:45-5:30-8:15-11:00
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 11:30-2:15-5:00-7:45-10:30
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The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30
Strange Way of Life (R) CC: 11:30-3:50-5:50
The Creator - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 10:30-1:35
The Lion King (1994) Disney100 (G) 1:30
Stop Making Sense (PG) CC: 10:20
When Evil Lurks 10:30-5:15
Exorcist: Believer - The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 4:45-7:45-10:45
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) CC: 11:15-2:00-4:30-7:45-9:30
Moscow Mission 6:05
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) OC: 3:15
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 10:45-11:45-1:30-2:45-4:15-5:45-7:00-8:45-10:00
Saw X (R) CC: 11:00-2:00-5:00-6:30-8:00-9:30-11:00

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:00-3:30
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 12:45-1:30-3:10-3:50-5:30-6:10-7:50-8:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:15
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The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 12:20-3:05-5:45-8:30
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:15-7:20
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The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 2:15-5:00
The Creator - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 12:15
Saw X (R) CC: 12:00-2:50-5:40-8:30
On Fire (PG-13) CC: 6:00-8:15
When Evil Lurks 2:45-8:00
Exorcist: Believer - The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 3:20-6:00-8:45
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) CC: 2:15-4:45-7:15
The Exorcist: Believer (R) OC: 7:45; 4:15

AMC Montgomery 16
7101 Democracy Boulevard
The Witch (R) CC: 7:00
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 5:15-8:15
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 12:25-5:30
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 12:00-1:00-2:45-3:45-5:15-10:15
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The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 7:20-10:00
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 12:45-2:30-4:00-5:45-7:15-9:00-10:30
The Nun II (R) CC: 12:15-5:30-11:00
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 12:30-2:45-5:25-8:15-11:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:00-6:15
It Lives Inside (PG-13) CC: 9:30
Dumb Money (R) CC: 1:15-4:15-8:45-9:45
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 12:15-2:00-3:15-4:45-6:00-8:30-10:20
Saw X (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:15-10:15
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) CC: 1:45-5:45-8:45-9:45
She Came to Me (R) CC: 12:05-2:55
Chang An (Chang'an san wan li) 12:20-3:45-6:00
Stop Making Sense (PG) CC: 12:10
When Evil Lurks 3:00-8:10
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) CC: 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Moscow Mission 2:20-10:50
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) OC: 7:45
The Exorcist: Believer (R) OC: 7:30

AMC St. Charles Town Ctr 9
11115 Mall Circle
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 11:30-2:00-4:30-7:00
Expend4bles (R) CC: 12:25-3:00-5:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 11:00-1:45-4:30-7:15
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Blue Beetle (PG-13) 10:25-1:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 4:05-6:50-9:50
Blue Giant 7:00
It Lives Inside (PG-13) 10:15-3:55-9:30
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The Exorcist: Believer (R) XD: 10:00-1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
She Came to Me (R) 11:15-1:55-4:35-7:25-10:05
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When Evil Lurks 10:45-1:45-4:25-7:15-9:55
A Very Good Girl 12:45-6:45
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Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 11:30-2:05-4:40-7:15-10:00
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Saw X (R) 1:20-4:20-7:20

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 7:45
Oppenheimer (R) 4:00-6:45
The Royal Hotel (R) 7:20
The Creator (PG-13) 7:00
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 5:00-7:30
Dumb Money (R) 4:30-7:15
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 7:30
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 4:05-6:15
The Royal Hotel (R) 4:50
The Creator (PG-13) 4:15
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 4:30
Stop Making Sense (PG) 4:40

Landmark at Annapolis Harbour Center
2474 Solomons Island Road Unit H-1
Barbie (PG-13) 1:35-4:25-7:15
Oppenheimer (R) 1:00-3:30-6:55
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 1:00-1:45-3:10-4:00-5:20-7:30
The Creator (PG-13) 1:20-4:10-7:10
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My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 1:10-7:00
Dumb Money (R) 1:50-4:30-7:05
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 2:00-4:45-6:45-7:25
Stop Making Sense (PG) 4:40

Old Greenbelt Theatre
129 Centerway
Dumb Money (R) 2:45
The Royal Hotel (R) 2:30-5:00
Dumb Money (R) 5:15

Phoenix Theatres Marlow 6
3899 Branch Avenue
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:00-1:30-4:30-7:00
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Saw X (R) 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30

Regal Cinemas Majestic Stadium 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive
Surprise Film (NR) 7:00
Barbie (PG-13) 9:50
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The Creator - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 12:45
She Came to Me (R) 12:50-3:40-6:30-9:20
The Lion King (1994) Disney100 (G) 12:10-2:30-5:00-8:10
Chang An (Chang'an san wan li) 1:40-5:20-9:10
Shelter in Solitude 12:40-3:20-6:00-8:40
Stop Making Sense (PG) 9:45
When Evil Lurks 1:50-4:30-7:15-10:00
Thank You For Coming (Hindi) 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:55
Exorcist: Believer - The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 4:05-7:00-10:00
Mission Raniganj 12:20-3:25-6:30-9:35
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 12:30-3:20-6:10-9:00
Moscow Mission 12:00-3:15-6:40
The Creator (PG-13) OC: 12:00

Regal Germantown
20000 Century Boulevard
Surprise Film (NR) 7:00
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:50-1:10-2:20-3:40-4:50-6:40-7:40-9:10
Expend4bles (R) 9:05
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:20-2:10-5:00-7:50
Jawan (Hindi) 12:40-4:20-8:40
The Creator (PG-13) 12:30-2:40-4:00-5:50-7:30
Dumb Money (R) 12:10-3:30
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 12:00-1:50-3:10-5:10-6:00-8:00-8:50
Saw X (R) 11:30-12:20-2:30-3:20-5:20-6:20-8:20-9:15
Thank You For Coming (Hindi) 1:00-4:30-8:45
Mission Raniganj 1:30-4:40-8:30
Rules Ranjann 12:50-5:30-9:00
The Creator (PG-13) OC: 11:25AM

Regal Hyattsville Royale
6505 America Blvd.
Surprise Film (NR) 7:00
Barbie (PG-13) 12:00-3:00-5:55-8:45
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 12:00-12:50-1:20-2:40-3:20-4:00-5:10-5:50-6:30-8:00-9:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:10-3:10-6:00-9:00
Expend4bles (R) 9:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:20-3:20-6:10-8:55
The Creator (PG-13) 3:00-6:00-8:35
The Nun II (R) 12:35-3:25-5:50-8:45
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 12:25-3:15-6:05-8:55
Dumb Money (R) 12:10-3:05
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 12:30-1:20-3:15-4:20-6:05-7:20-8:55
Saw X (R) 12:05-1:15-2:50-4:15-5:50-7:25-8:45
The Creator (PG-13) OC: 12:00

Regal Laurel Towne Centre
14716 Baltimore Avenue
Surprise Film (NR) 7:00
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 1:00-3:40-6:10-9:15
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 1:50-7:45
Expend4bles (R) 4:50
The Equalizer 3 (R) 1:10-3:50-6:30
The Creator (PG-13) 12:10-3:20-6:40
The Nun II (R) 12:40-3:30-8:50
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 12:30-3:10-6:20-9:00
Dumb Money (R) 12:15-3:00-5:50-8:40
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 12:00-1:45-2:40-4:30-5:40-7:15-8:50
Saw X (R) 12:50-4:00-6:50
When Evil Lurks 12:00-2:50
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 12:45-3:30-6:00-8:30

Regal Rockville Center
199 East Montgomery Avenue
Surprise Film (NR) 7:00
Oppenheimer (R) 11:20AM
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:30-2:00-4:30-7:50-9:40
The Creator (PG-13) 12:30-3:40-6:50
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 12:40-3:20-6:00-8:40
Blue Giant 7:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:20
Dumb Money (R) 12:00
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 1:20-2:30-4:10-5:40-9:10-9:20
Saw X (R) 1:30-4:40-7:40
She Came to Me (R) 11:50-2:20-5:20-8:10
Creation of the Gods I: Kingdom of Storms 3:50
Chang An (Chang'an san wan li) 1:10-5:00-8:50
When Evil Lurks 5:30-8:00
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 11:40-2:10-4:50-7:30

Regal Waugh Chapel & IMAX
1419 South Main Chapel Way
Surprise Film (NR) 7:00
Barbie (PG-13) 12:30
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:40-12:15-2:10-3:00-4:50
Expend4bles (R) 12:40-6:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 3:20
The Creator (PG-13) 11:30-2:50-6:50
The Nun II (R) 3:30-9:10
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 11:50-2:40-5:40-8:40
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 11:30-12:20-1:00-2:20-3:40-4:10-5:20-6:40-7:20-8:00-8:30
Saw X (R) 12:10-3:30-7:30
The Creator - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 12:00
When Evil Lurks 5:50-8:50
Exorcist: Believer - The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 3:10-6:00-9:00
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 12:50-3:40-6:20-9:00

Regal Westview & IMAX
5243 Buckeystown Pike
Surprise Film (NR) 7:00
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:50-12:50-2:20-3:10-4:50-7:20
The Creator (PG-13) 2:00-5:20-8:40
Dumb Money (R) 12:20-3:30-6:10-8:50
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 12:00-2:40-5:30-8:30
Saw X (R) 12:45-3:40-6:40-9:40
The Blind (PG-13) 4:10-7:10-9:45
The Creator - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 12:10-6:20
Exorcist: Believer - The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 3:20-9:30
The Creator (PG-13) OC: 12:40
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 12:30-1:00-3:50-4:20-6:00-7:30-9:00

Xscape Theatres Brandywine 14
7710 Matapeake Business Drive
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG-13) 1:00-4:00-7:00
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 10:55-1:55
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 10:50-11:30-1:10-1:50-3:40-6:00-8:20
Expend4bles (R) 5:05-7:35-10:15
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:40-2:20-5:10-7:40-10:20
The Creator (PG-13) 11:00-1:00-4:05-7:10-10:10
The Nun II (R) 11:15-2:05-4:35-7:25-10:05
Dumb Money (R) 4:35-7:05-9:55
Maama Mascheendra 11:35-6:15
Saw X (R) 11:10-1:20-2:10-4:10-4:50-6:50-7:30-9:40
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 11:20-12:05-12:40-2:00-2:40-3:20-4:40-5:20-6:30-7:20-8:00-9:10-10:00
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 11:45-2:25-4:45-7:15-9:35
Month of Madhu 2:55-9:25

iPic Pike & Rose
11830 Grand Park Avenue
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 3:00-6:00-9:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 7:45-10:45
The Nun II (R) 4:30-7:30-11:00
The Creator (PG-13) 2:45-6:45-10:15
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 3:15-6:30-9:30
Dumb Money (R) 4:00
The Exorcist: Believer (R) (!) 2:30-3:45-6:15-7:00-9:00-10:30
Saw X (R) 3:30-7:15-10:45

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AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd.
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 12:05-12:45-3:00-5:20-7:40
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:10-7:10
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 12:40-3:20-7:50
Dumb Money (R) CC: 12:20-4:45-7:20
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 12:10-1:50-4:40-6:40-7:30
Saw X (R) CC: 2:20-5:10-8:00
Strange Way of Life (R) CC: 12:00-2:55-5:00-6:00
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) CC: 1:10-2:50-7:00

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd.
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 1:00
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 2:15-5:00-8:15
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 8:15; 5:00; 2:00-7:45; 8:45
Saw X (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-8:00-9:30; 6:30
Stop Making Sense (PG) OC: 6:15
The Witch (R) CC: 7:00
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 2:00-5:00
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 2:30-4:00-5:30-7:00-9:30
Expend4bles (R) CC: 1:15
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:00-3:45-6:30-9:15
The Nun II (R) CC: 3:00-6:00-9:00
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 1:15-4:00-6:45-9:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:00-6:30
Dumb Money (R) CC: 1:00-3:45-6:30-9:15
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 1:00-3:45-6:30-9:15
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) CC: 1:00-5:15
Strange Way of Life (R) CC: 1:15-3:15-5:15-7:15-9:15
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) CC: 8:00
She Came to Me (R) CC: 1:30-4:15-7:00-9:30
The Kill Room (R) CC: 4:15-9:30
Creation of the Gods I: Kingdom of Storms 1:15-5:15
Chang An (Chang'an san wan li) 2:00-4:45
The Ex-Files 4: Marriage Plan 3:30-9:00
When Evil Lurks 2:30-8:30
Dr. Cheon and the Lost Talisman 2:30-8:45
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) CC: 1:45-4:30-7:00-9:30
Moscow Mission 5:30-8:30
Expend4bles (R) 3:30

AMC Potomac Mills 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:00-3:50
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 12:10-2:50-5:30-8:00-10:30
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 12:00-1:15-2:20-3:45-4:40-7:10-9:30
Expend4bles (R) CC: 12:45-3:40-6:20-9:10
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:10
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 12:15-2:50-3:30-7:00-10:10
The Nun II (R) CC: 1:20-4:10-7:00-9:40
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 1:10-3:45-6:30-9:15
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:00-3:20-5:40
It Lives Inside (PG-13) CC: 9:20
Dumb Money (R) CC: 1:20-4:00-6:40-9:20
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 12:00-3:00-6:00-9:00
Saw X (R) CC: 1:45-4:45-6:30-7:45-9:45-10:30
The Blind (PG-13) 6:40-9:30
The Lion King (1994) Disney100 (G) 12:30
Stop Making Sense (PG) CC: 5:00
When Evil Lurks 8:00-10:30
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) CC: 1:20-3:50-6:20-9:00
The Creator (PG-13) OC: 6:00
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 1:30-4:30-8:20; 7:30; 2:00

AMC Shirlington 7
2772 South Randolph St.
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 12:00-1:20-3:40-6:00-8:20
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 12:50-4:00-7:10
The Royal Hotel (R) CC: 1:00-3:20-5:40-8:00
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40
Dumb Money (R) CC: 2:20-4:55-7:35
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 1:20-4:10-7:00
Saw X (R) CC: 1:50-4:40-7:30

AMC Tysons Corner 16
7850e Tysons Corner Center
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 7:25-10:35
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 11:00-1:45-4:30-10:05; 7:15
Saw X (R) CC: 11:50-2:50-5:50-6:05-8:45-9:05
The Witch (R) CC: 7:00
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 11:10-1:55-4:40
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 11:05-12:30-1:25-2:55-3:45-5:15-7:35-9:55
Expend4bles (R) CC: 2:10-9:15
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 4:40-7:20
The Royal Hotel (R) CC: 1:10-3:35-6:00
Jawan (Hindi) 2:35
The Nun II (R) CC: 1:05-3:55-6:40-9:30
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 11:50-2:30-5:25-8:05-10:45
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 11:55AM
Dumb Money (R) CC: 11:40-2:20-5:00-7:45-10:25
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 12:00-2:45-5:30-8:15
The Creator - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 11:55-3:05
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) CC: 12:05-4:00-7:55
The Lion King (1994) Disney100 (G) 12:10-2:30
Chang An (Chang'an san wan li) 6:15-9:50
Stop Making Sense (PG) CC: 11:50-4:45
When Evil Lurks 10:00
Exorcist: Believer - The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 6:15-9:00
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) CC: 12:35-3:05-5:35-8:05-10:40
The Royal Hotel (R) OC: 8:30

AMC Worldgate 9
13025 Worldgate Drive
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 10:45-11:30-12:30-1:00-1:45-2:45-3:15-4:00-5:30-6:15-8:15
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:00
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00
Dumb Money (R) CC: 1:15-3:45-6:30-9:00
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 11:15-2:00-4:45-7:30-8:45
Saw X (R) CC: 11:45-2:30-5:15-8:00
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) CC: 10:50-2:40-6:15
Mission Raniganj 5:00-8:05

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - One Loudoun
20575 East Hampton Plaza
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 11:10-2:00-3:30-6:00
The Cabin in the Woods (R) 7:00
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 12:00-3:00-5:00-6:30
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 4:00-10:00
Stop Making Sense (PG) 12:45-4:40-7:45-10:30
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 9:10
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 1:00
The Creator (PG-13) 12:30-4:00-7:30-9:30
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 1:25-3:15-6:45-9:45
Dumb Money (R) 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 12:15-8:00
Saw X (R) 11:45-3:30-6:15-9:30

Angelika Film Center Mosaic
2911 District Ave
Barbie (PG-13) 1:55
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:15-12:15-2:30-4:45
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 4:35-7:00
Dumb Money (R) 11:30AM
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 12:25
Strange Way of Life (R) 1:55-3:30-5:05-6:40
Mutiny in Heaven: The Birthday Party 7:05
Stop Making Sense (PG) 10:55-8:15
A Very Good Girl 11:30-2:05-4:45-7:20
The Creator (PG-13) 1:00-4:00-7:00
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 12:05-2:30-4:45-7:05
The Royal Hotel (R) 11:05-1:20-3:30-5:40-7:45
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 3:00-5:30-8:00

CMX Village 14
1600 Village Market Boulevard
Barbie (PG-13) 1:30-4:15-7:10
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:45-1:00-2:10-3:20-4:30-6:00
Expend4bles (R) 12:30-5:20-7:50
The Nun II (R) 12:15-2:50-5:25-8:05
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 11:50-2:25-5:00-7:40
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:25-2:55-5:15-7:35
Dumb Money (R) 12:05-2:40-5:10-7:55
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 12:00-2:45-5:30-8:10
Saw X (R) 1:10-4:05-7:20-8:15
The Blind (PG-13) 12:35-3:30-6:30
Stop Making Sense (PG) 3:00
The Creator (PG-13) 12:45-4:00-7:00-8:00
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 11:55-2:20-4:50-7:15
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 12:00-2:00-2:45-4:45-5:30-7:30-8:10

Cinema Arts Theatre
9650 Unit 14 Main St.
The Royal Hotel (R) 9:40-12:05-2:35-5:05-7:40
My Sailor, My Love 9:55-2:45-4:55-7:15
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 10:00-12:20-2:40-4:50-7:20
Golda (PG-13) 12:15-2:20-4:40
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 9:50-12:10-7:00
Flora and Son (R) 10:05-12:25-2:25-4:35-7:10
She Came to Me (R) 9:45-12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30

Cinemark Centreville 12
6201 Multiplex Drive
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 2:00-4:30-7:00
Expend4bles (R) 4:40
The Equalizer 3 (R) 1:25-7:10
The Nun II (R) 12:40-4:50-7:50-10:25
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 12:10-2:55-5:20-6:40-9:20
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
Saw X (R) 1:45-4:15-8:00-10:55
Thank You For Coming (Hindi) 9:55
Mission Raniganj 8:20
Rules Ranjann 9:30
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 12:00-1:10-2:50-3:40-5:15-6:10-8:40
The Creator (PG-13) 1:35-3:30-7:20-10:30
Dumb Money (R) 12:05-2:30-5:35-7:40-10:40
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 12:00-1:05-3:00-4:00-6:00-6:50-9:00-9:40

Cinemark Fairfax Corner and XD
11900 Palace Way
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 12:00-12:30-1:00-2:30-3:00-3:30-5:00-6:00-8:30-10:05
The Creator (PG-13) 12:25-3:40-10:15
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:15-3:25
The Nun II (R) 3:50-10:00
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 12:10-2:50-5:40
Blue Giant 7:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:35-3:05-5:35-8:05
Dumb Money (R) 1:05
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 12:00-12:45-1:30-3:00-3:45-4:30-5:30-6:45-7:30-8:20-9:00-9:45-10:30
Saw X (R) 12:40-3:35-9:25-10:35
She Came to Me (R) 11:55-2:35-5:15-7:55-10:35
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 12:05-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:25
MAD (Telugu) 6:35-9:40
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 7:35
The Creator (PG-13) 7:05
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 8:25
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 6:00
Saw X (R) 6:30

Regal Ballston Quarter
671 North Glebe Road
Surprise Film (NR) 7:00
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 12:00-1:35-2:30-4:10-5:00
The Creator (PG-13) 3:20-5:05-8:30
The Nun II (R) 12:20-3:10
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40
Blue Giant 7:00
Dumb Money (R) 12:40-3:10-5:50-8:25
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 1:20-2:20-4:20-5:20-7:20-7:50-8:20
Saw X (R) 11:50-2:40-5:25-8:10
When Evil Lurks 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 12:20-2:45-6:20-8:40
The Creator (PG-13) OC: 11:45AM

Regal Dulles Town Center
21100 Dulles Town Circle
Surprise Film (NR) 7:00
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:40-12:45-2:15-4:45-7:20
Jawan (Hindi) 12:25
The Creator (PG-13) 12:00-3:20-6:20-9:25
The Nun II (R) 1:45-5:00-7:45
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 11:50-2:30-5:15-8:00
Dumb Money (R) 12:35
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 12:15-3:10-4:10-6:10-7:10-9:15-9:45
Saw X (R) 1:00-3:50-6:40-9:35
When Evil Lurks 3:30-6:00-8:30
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 1:30-4:00-6:30-9:00

Regal Fairfax Towne Center
4110 West Ox Road
Surprise Film (NR) 7:00
Oppenheimer (R) 12:20-4:20-8:20
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:50-2:20-5:00-6:40
The Creator (PG-13) 3:40-6:50
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 11:40-2:40-5:20-8:10
Road to Boston (Boston 1947) 1:00-4:00
Blue Giant 7:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:10
Dumb Money (R) 12:40-3:20-6:00-8:40
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 1:20-4:10-7:20
Saw X (R) 12:00-2:50-5:40-8:30
Agent Zero 3:30-7:30
Dr. Cheon and the Lost Talisman 12:50-2:10-4:35
The Creator (PG-13) OC: 12:30

Regal Fox & IMAX
22875 Brambleton Plaza
Surprise Film (NR) 7:00
Skanda - The Attacker (Telugu) 2:30-9:40
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:20-11:50-12:30-2:00-3:10-4:40-7:15
Ratham (Raththam) (Tamil) 12:30-3:40-6:50-10:05
The Equalizer 3 (R) 10:00
Jawan (Hindi) 11:05-3:00-9:50
The Creator (PG-13) 12:00-3:20-6:40-9:50
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 1:00-4:00-6:50-9:30
Fukrey 3 11:00-6:10
Dumb Money (R) 11:50-2:30-5:05-7:50-10:30
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
Saw X (R) 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
The Creator - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 11:10-5:10
Thank You For Coming (Hindi) 2:50-6:30-9:40
Exorcist: Believer - The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 2:20-8:20
Mission Raniganj 6:00-9:15
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 11:00-1:40-4:30-7:10-9:50
Rules Ranjann 11:40-3:10-6:40-10:10
Pind America 11:15-2:10-5:15-8:10
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 12:20-3:20-6:20-9:20

Regal Kingstowne & RPX
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Surprise Film (NR) 7:00
Oppenheimer (R) 4:10-8:10
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:30-12:50-2:20-3:30-5:10-7:50
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The Equalizer 3 (R) 4:25-7:15
Jawan (Hindi) 12:00-3:50-7:40
The Creator (PG-13) 12:30-4:00-7:30
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:40
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Smithsonian - Airbus IMAX Theater
14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway
Journey to Space (NR) 10:20-1:05-3:50
Aircraft Carrier: Guardian of the Seas 12:25-4:25
To Fly! (1976) (NR) 10:55-1:45-3:15
The Creator - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 5:00
Blue Planet (Il pianeta azzurro) (NR) 11:30AM
The Dream is Alive (NR) 2:25

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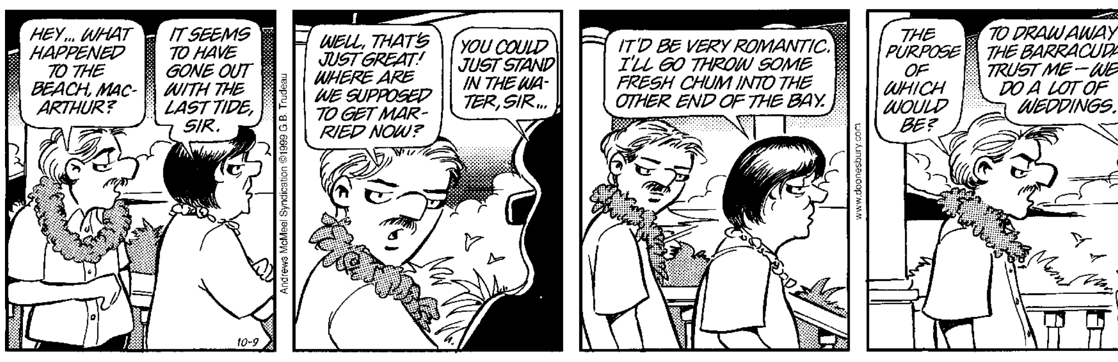
GARRY TRUDEAU



PICKLES
BRIAN CRANE

BRIDGE

BOTH SIDES VULNERABLE

NORTH
♠ 8 4 3 2
♥ None
♦ A 6 3
♣ A Q J 10 9 5

WEST
♠ J 10 9 6
♥ A K J 10 8
♦ K J 5
♣ 8

EAST
♠ 5
♥ 9 7 4 3
♦ 9 7 4 2
♣ 7 4 3 2

SOUTH (D)
♠ A K Q 7
♥ Q 6 5 2
♦ Q 10 8
♣ K 6

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 NT	2 ♥	3 ♥	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
6 ♠	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♥ K

When I watched today's deal in a penny game, Unlucky Louie was East and held one of his usual piles of nothing. His expectation was about minus 650 points, and it got lower when North-South bid a slam.

Luckily for Louie, South was Joe Overberry, who thinks it's nobler to go down in pursuit of an overtrick than to make his contract. West led the king of hearts against six spades, and Joe ruffed in dummy, led a trump to his ace, ruffed another heart and led a second trump.

When Louie discarded, Joe took the K-Q and started the clubs. West ruffed the second club and cashed his ace of hearts.

"We stop at six spades when we should have bid seven," North moaned. "Then the man goes down trying to make seven."

Joe pitched 1530 points. At Trick Two he should play a low trump from both hands, guarding against a 4-1 break. If West wins and returns a trump, Joe wins, ruffs a second heart in dummy and draws trumps. He can run the clubs without interruption for 12 tricks.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ J 10 9 6 ♥ A K J 10 8 ♦ K J 5 ♣ 8

You open one heart, your partner bids one spade, you raise to two spades and he tries 2NT. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner's 2NT is a try for game. He has about 11 high-card points, balanced pattern and probably four so-so spades. You must accept the try; if your hand were any stronger, you might have jumped to three spades at your second turn. Since you have a side singleton, bid four spades.

— Frank Stewart
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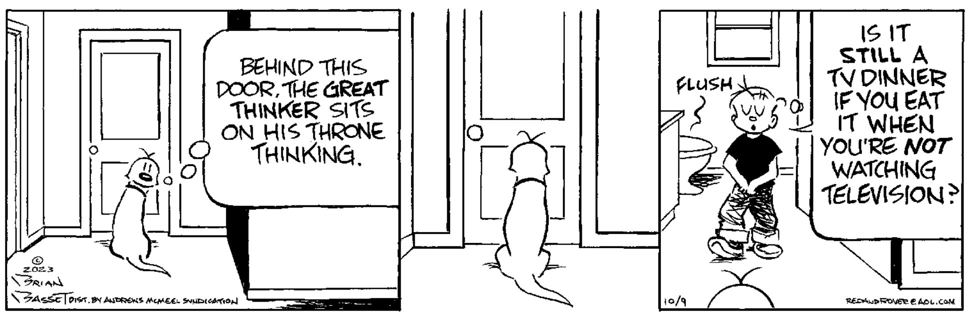
RED AND ROVER
BRIAN BASSET



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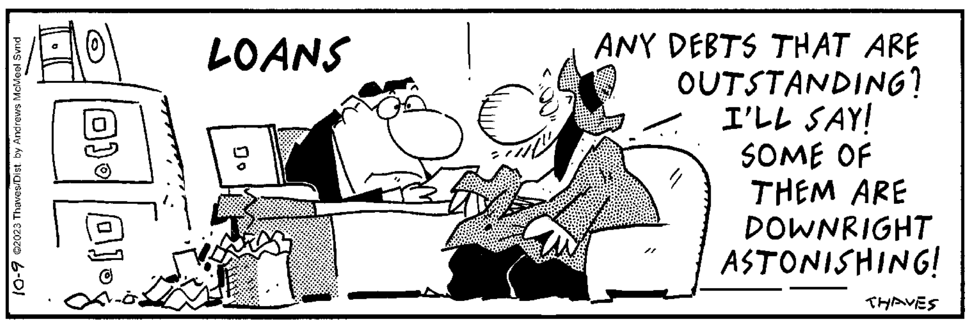
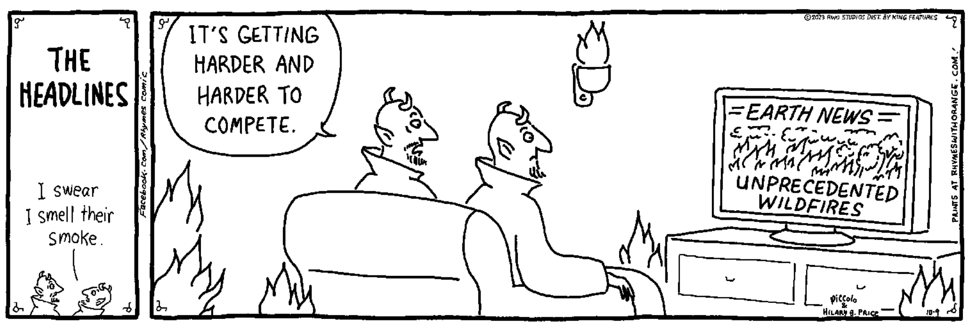
TOM THAVES



CLASSIC PEANUTS
CHARLES SCHULZ

RHYMES WITH ORANGE
HILARY PRICE



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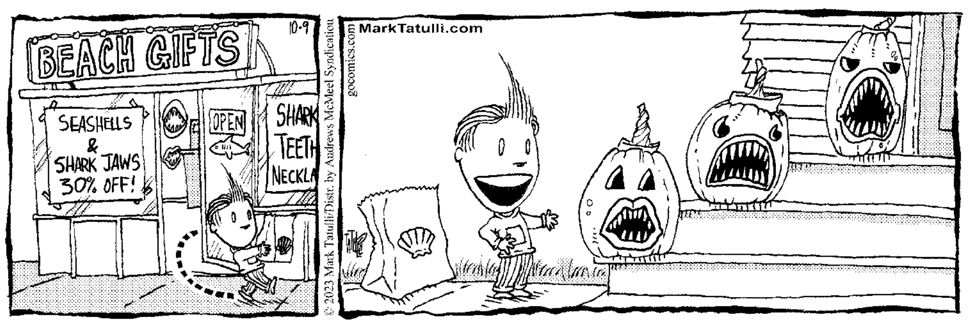
MARK TATULLI



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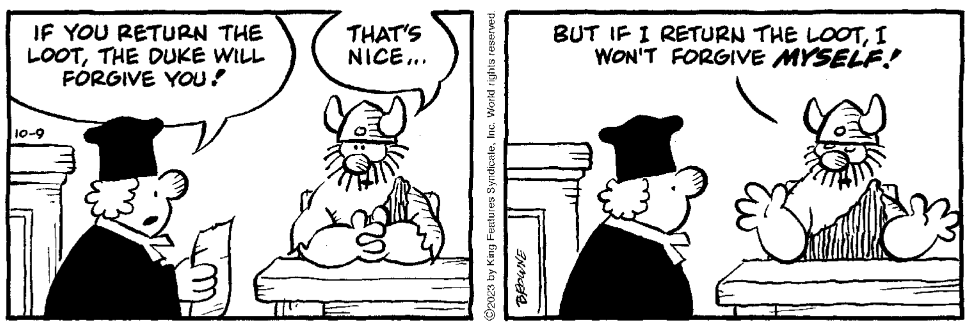

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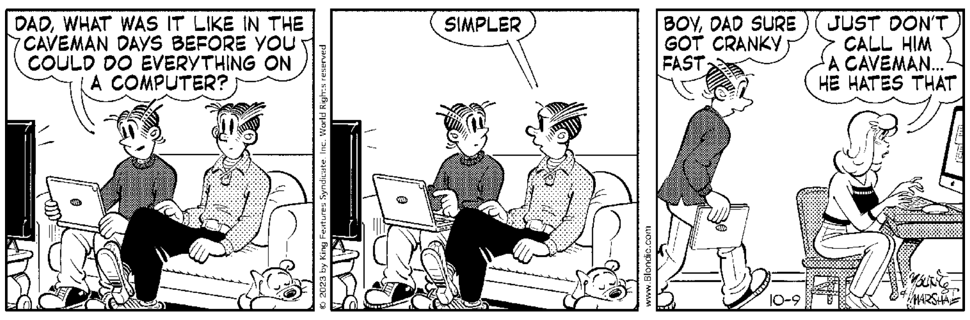
DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL



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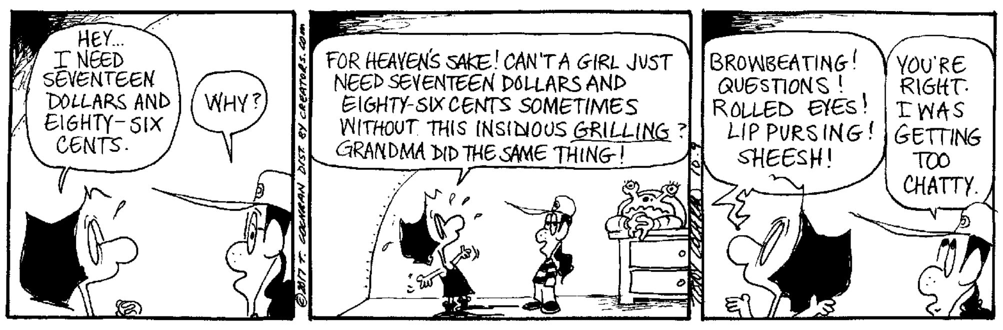

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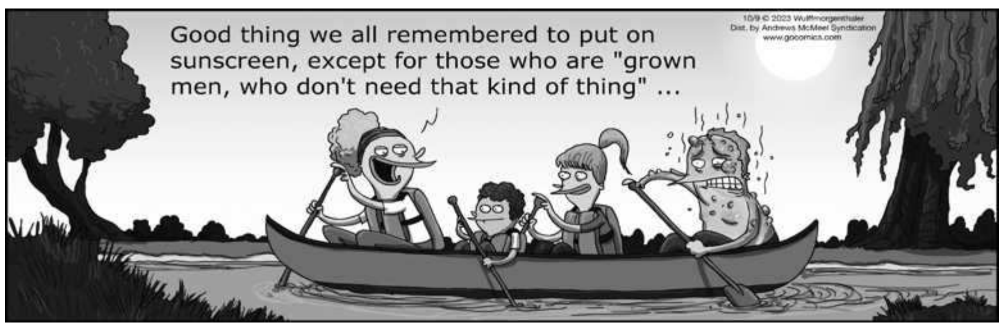

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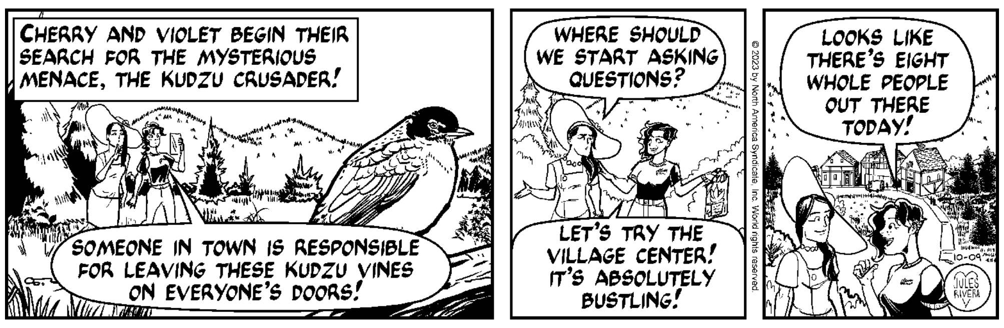
MIKE LESTER

MARK TRAIL
JULES RIVERA



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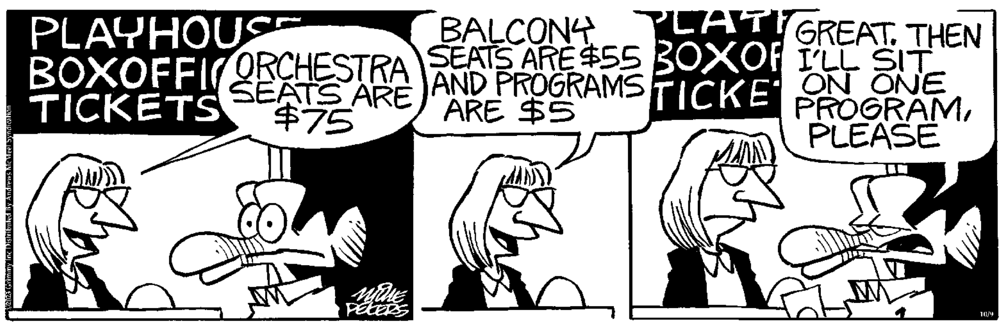
MIKE PETERS



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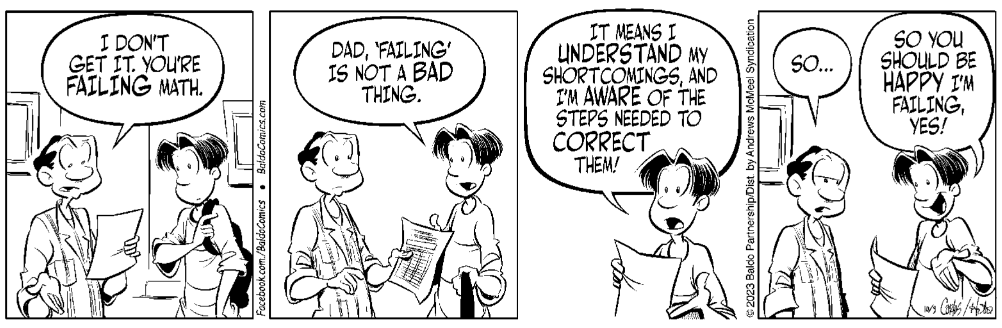
HECTOR CANTU & CARLOS CASTELLANOS



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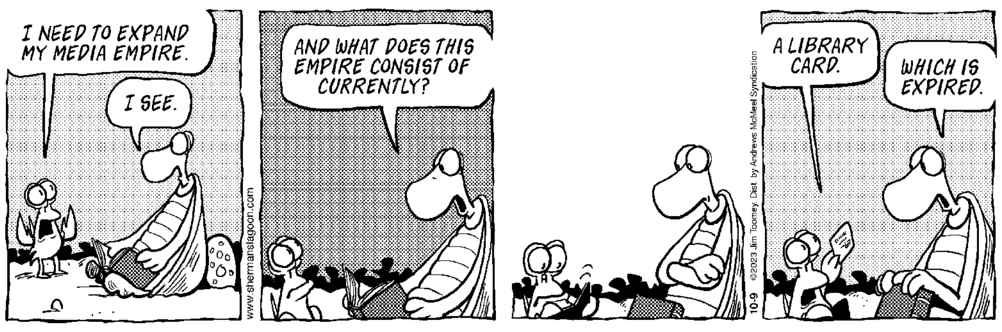
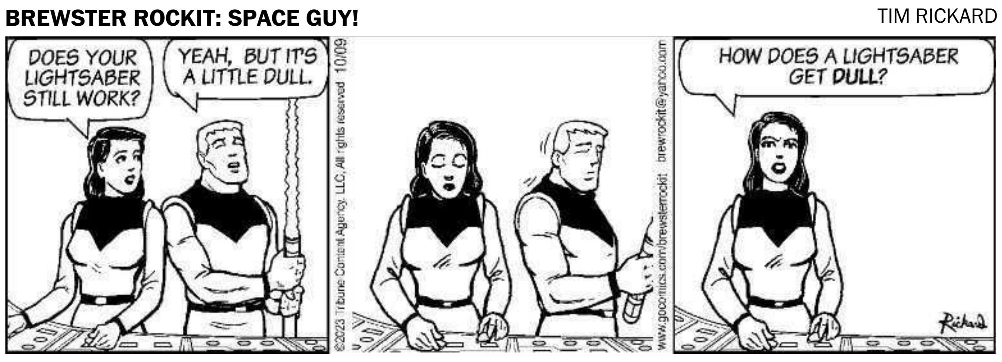
SHERMAN'S LAGOON
JIM TOOMEY



CURTIS
RAY BILLINGSLEY

BREWSTER ROCKIT: SPACE GUY!
TIM RICKARD



SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

1		2	9		7			
	5		1	4	6	2		
4			3		8	5	1	9
7	4	8		3			9	
2		3		6		7		5
	9			7		8	2	3
9	2	4	7		3			1
		1	6	9	2		3	
			5		4	9		2

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

SCRABBLE GRAMS

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A₁ E₁ I₁ L₁ C₃ K₅ T₁ — 1st Letter Double — RACK 1

A₁ A₁ E₁ U₁ D₂ C₃ R₁ — RACK 2

A₁ I₁ U₁ H₄ F₄ S₁ C₃ — Triple Word Score — RACK 3

I₁ O₁ Y₄ R₁ T₁ D₂ H₄ — RACK 4

PAR SCORE 150-160
BEST SCORE 234
FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. **SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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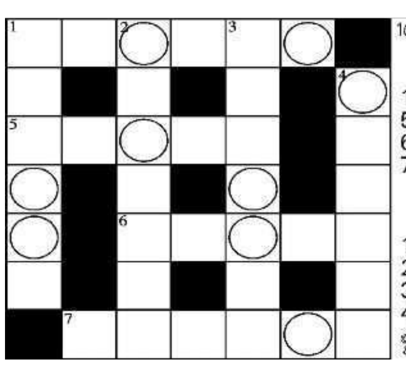
10-09

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS
by David L. Hoyt



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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Public, friendly	LCAOIS
5. Minced	ECDDI
6. ____ Sea	RTNHO
7. Achieve, accomplish	INATAT

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Abrupt	DDSUEN
2. ____ palm	UTNOCOC
3. Pyrenees country	NRORDAA
4. "Little ____ Annie"	PNRHAO

How to play: Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS

CLUE: The saltwater ____ is the largest living reptile.

ANSWERS: 1A-Social 5A-Diced 6A-North 7A-Attain 1D-Sudden 2D-Coconut 3D-Andorra 4D-Orphan B-Crocodile

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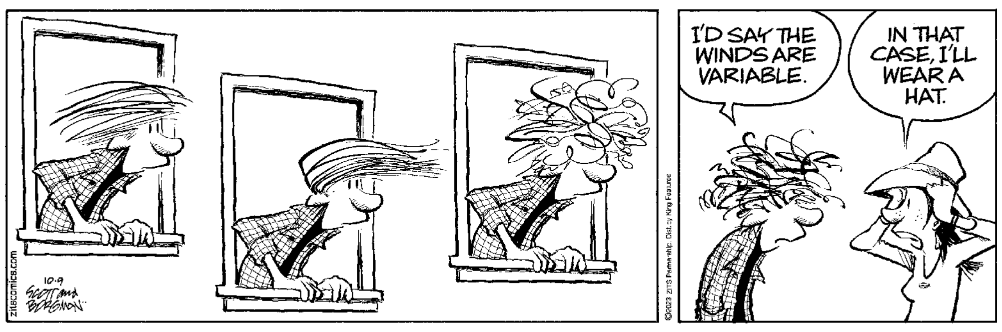
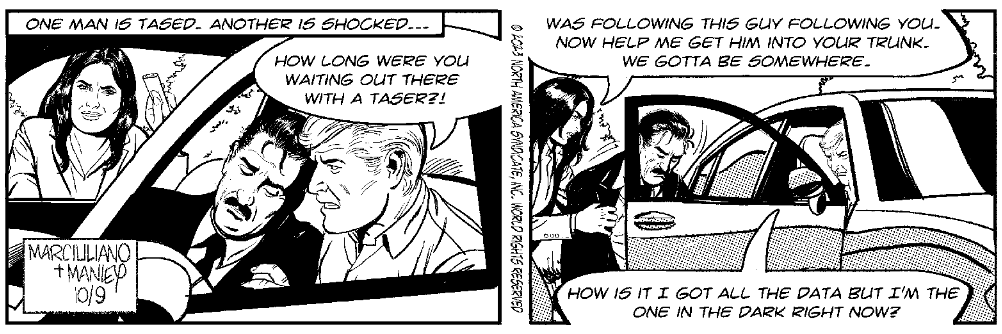
ZITS JERRY SCOTT & JIM BORGMAN



HEART OF THE CITY STEENZ

JUDGE PARKER FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & MIKE MANLEY



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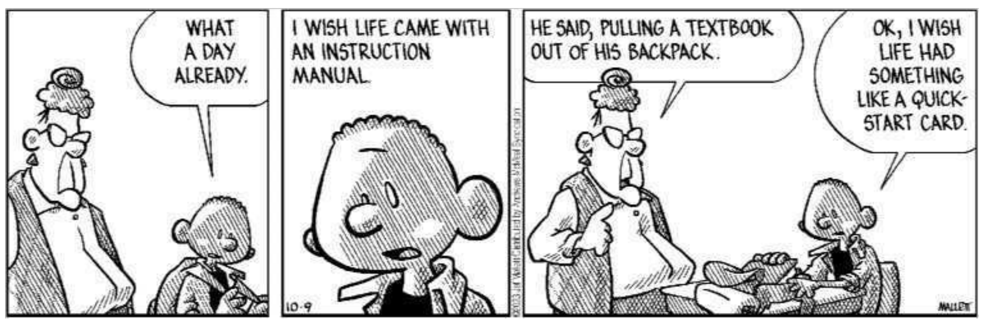

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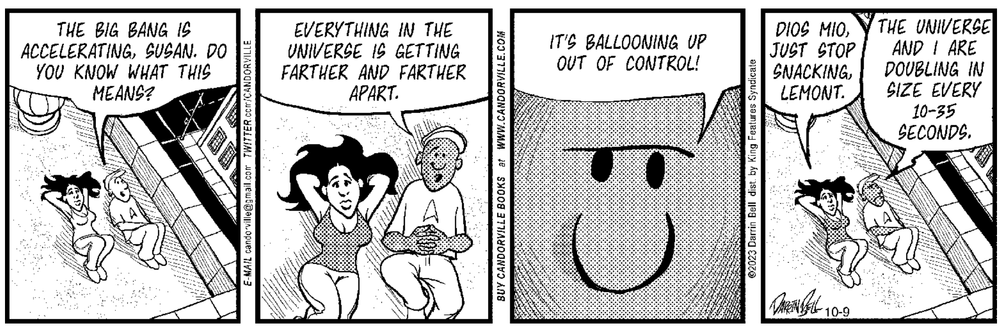

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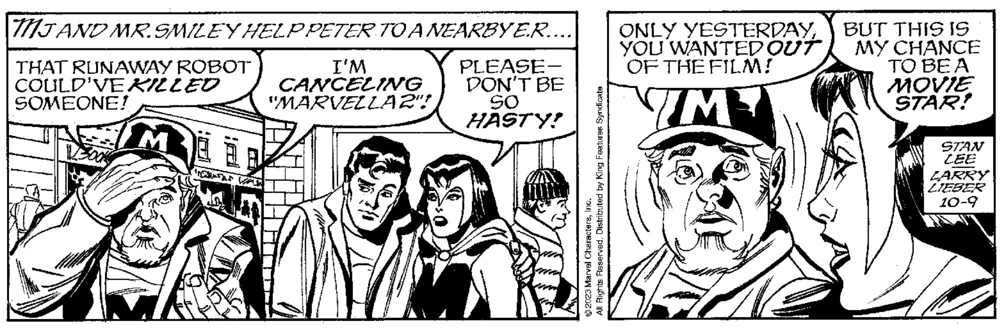

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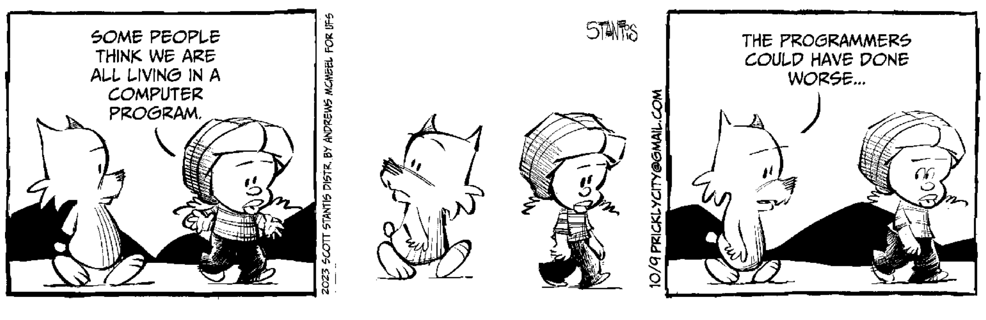

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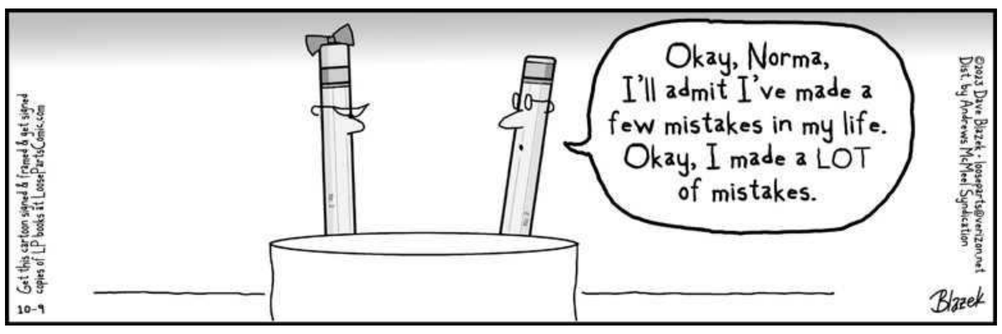

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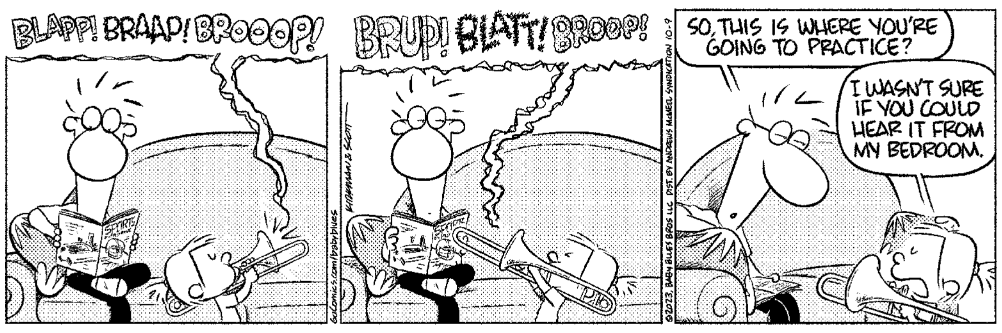

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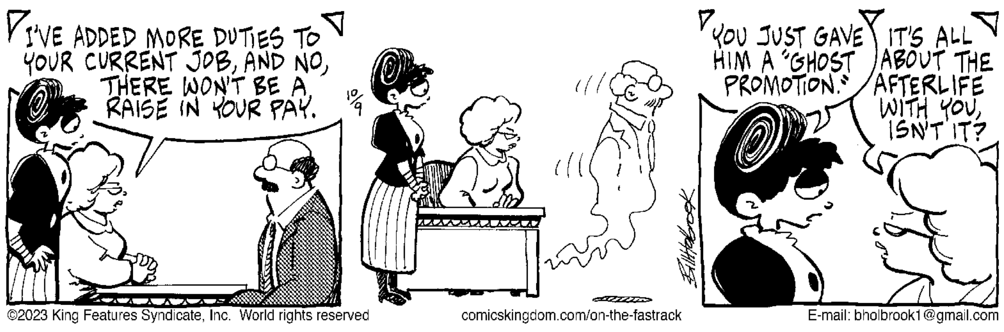
ON THE FASTRACK BILL HOLBROOK



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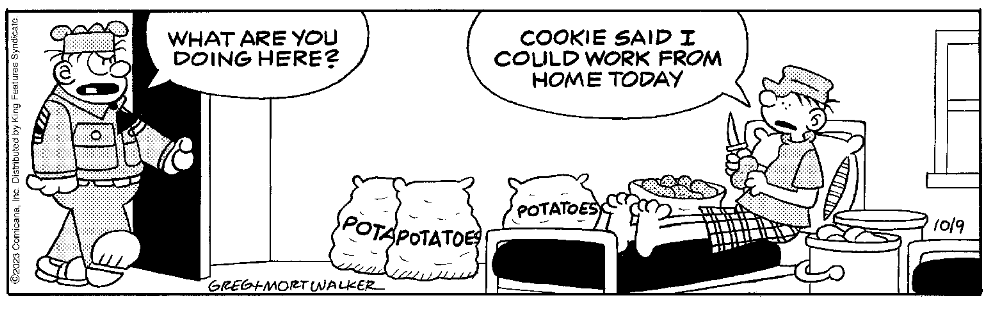

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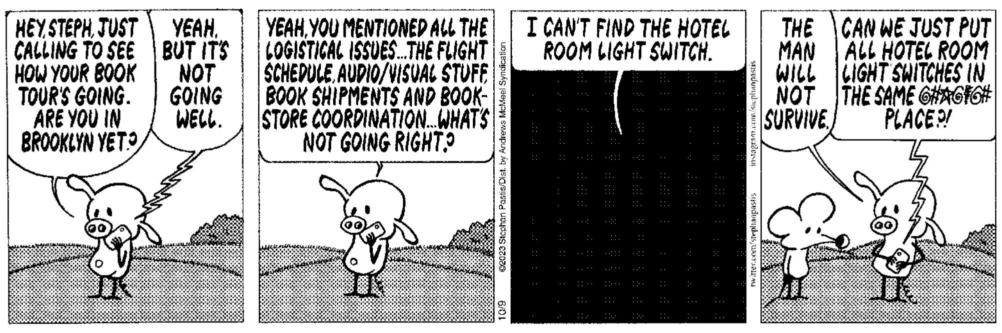

HOROSCOPE

BIRTHDAY | OCTOBER 9

You like people, which makes you perceptive, observant and popular. You are intelligent and multitalented. You are also sensitive and kind. This is a wonderful year for you because you are getting the recognition you deserve. Expect a raise, praise, awards and acknowledgment. Bravo!

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Leo.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).
Aries parents: Be aware that this is an accident-prone day for your kids. Be smart and keep an eye on them. Know where they are at all times and remove them from hazardous situations.

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20).
Your home routine will be interrupted today. Something unexpected might happen. You might run out of something, or someone might show up unexpectedly or cancel when you were expecting them.

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20).
Pay attention to everything you say and do today because this is a mildly accident-prone day for your sign. Short trips and appointments will be delayed or canceled. Meanwhile, feelings of duty and obligation, especially related to family, are strong today.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22).
Today you might find money or you might lose money. Definitely keep an eye on your possessions to prevent loss, theft or damage. Meanwhile, be patient with others and focus on ways to be kind instead of thinking about yourself.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUG. 22).
This is a restless day for you. You feel excited and yet a bit nervous. Because of this, you might say something you later regret. Therefore, protect yourself and others, by slowing down and thinking before you speak or act.

VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).
An undercurrent running through this day makes you feel slightly restless or nervous. Don't give it too much energy. It's a temporary influence that's gone in 24 hours or less. Meanwhile, relations with others might feel a bit reserved or strained.

LIBRA
(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).
You're a people pleaser. Meanwhile, today many people feel reserved, even constrained, because of duties and obligations. You can work your magic because powerful planets are in your sign lending you energy and strength.

SCORPIO
(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).
An unexpected outburst might catch you off guard today. Do your best to handle this. Be part of the solution, not the problem. Naturally, friends or groups might be sidetracked because they're dealing with bigger issues today.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).
Travel plans will change today, which is why you should double-check itineraries and schedules. Also, it will be wise for you to avoid controversial or sensitive topics.

CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).
Double-check banking situations and anything to do with shared property. Something unexpected could impact these areas. Meanwhile, you make a great impression on others today.

AQUARIUS
(JAN. 20-FEB. 18).
Today you might feel surprised by a spouse, partner or friend who says or does something you didn't expect. Stay mellow. Keep the peace. Don't make a big deal about something you can't change.

PISCES
(FEB. 19-MARCH 20).
Some days are easier, and some days are not. Today is one of those days when relations with those who are closest to you are a bit stiff and reserved. They're not super negative, but conversations are more sober than usual.

— Georgia Nicols

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PREVIOUS SUDOKU SOLUTION

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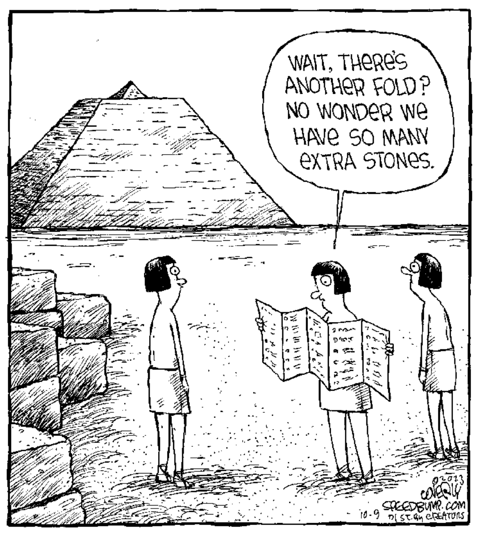
5	8	4	9	6	2	7	1	3
9	4	2	5	1	7	8	3	6
8	7	5	3	9	6	2	4	1
1	3	6	2	8	4	5	9	7
4	1	7	8	2	5	3	6	9
6	5	8	4	3	9	1	7	2
2	9	3	6	7	1	4	5	8

PREVIOUS SCRABBLEGRAMS SOLUTION

C_3	I_1	G_2	A_1	R_1	E_1	T_1	RACK 1 =	60
K_5	E_1	L_1	O_1	I_1	D_2		RACK 2 =	11
E_1	X_8	A_1	M_3	I_1	N_1	E_1	RACK 3 =	82
P_3	A_1	L_1	P_3	A_1	T_1	E_1	RACK 4 =	72
PAR SCORE 155-165							TOTAL	225

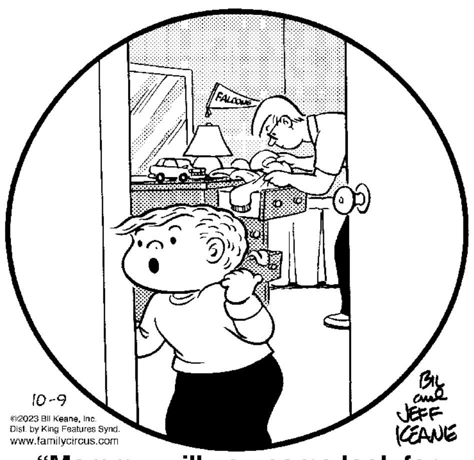
SPEED BUMP DAVE COVERLY



DENNIS THE MENACE H. KETCHAM

"I DIDN'T BREAK ANY WINDOWS TODAY. PROB'LY 'CAUSE I STRUCK OUT EVERY TIME."

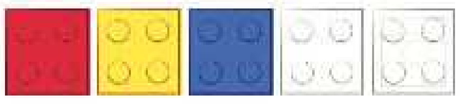
FAMILY CIRCUS BIL KEANE



"Mommy, will you come look for my blue sweatshirt? You're a better looker than Daddy."

REPLY ALL LITE DONNA A. LEWIS

The original Lego brick colors



How Lego bricks went from five colors to nearly 200

BY KATI PERRY

Since modern Lego bricks debuted in 1958, their color scheme has undergone a transformation from just a handful to more than 110 at the peak in 2004. The palette has evolved, grown and shrunk over the decades.

When Lego started manufacturing bricks, it started small, colorwise. "These were very basic colors," said Signe Weise, a corporate historian at Lego. The original brick colors, according to Weise, were red, yellow, blue, white and transparent.

If you counted every brick produced since 1958, most would be black, gray or white, but such a census obscures the colorful history of the palette. Using data from Rebrickable, a site that crowdsources information about Lego sets, The Washington Post analyzed the palette to explore what the color system says about the evolution of the company.

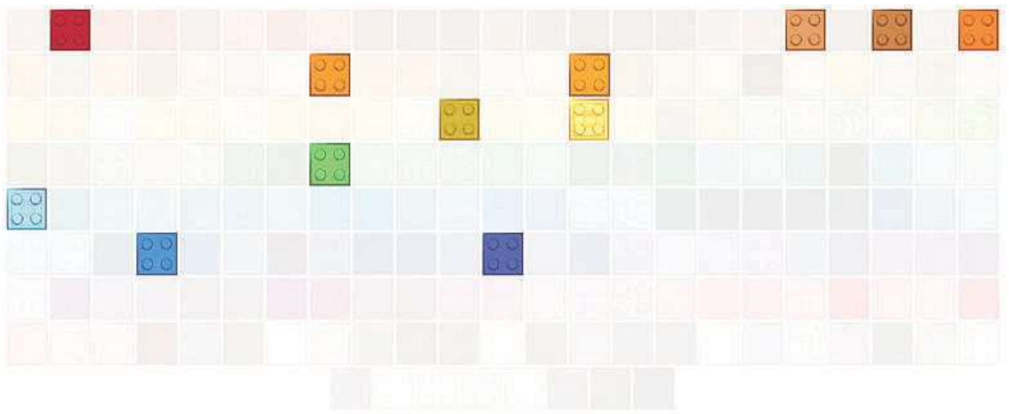
Jared Hinton, a Los Angeles-based site administrator for Rebrickable, has worked for more than five years helping to carefully catalogue and maintain the data.

"As the internet and interest in Lego colors has grown, so has our ability to preserve this information and create more accurate inventories," Hinton said.

All the brick colors Lego has used since 1958

Lego bricks have appeared in nearly 200 different colors since 1958, including standard, transparent and glitter varieties. At first, colors were limited. "Very few colors, very simple color system," Signe Weise, a coporate historian at Lego, said.

New brick colors introduced between 1978 and 1989



Following the 1978 introduction of Lego themes and the minifigures as we know them today, the palette began to ramp up. Colors were added between 1978 and 1989, but the total number of active colors in a year never exceeded two dozen.

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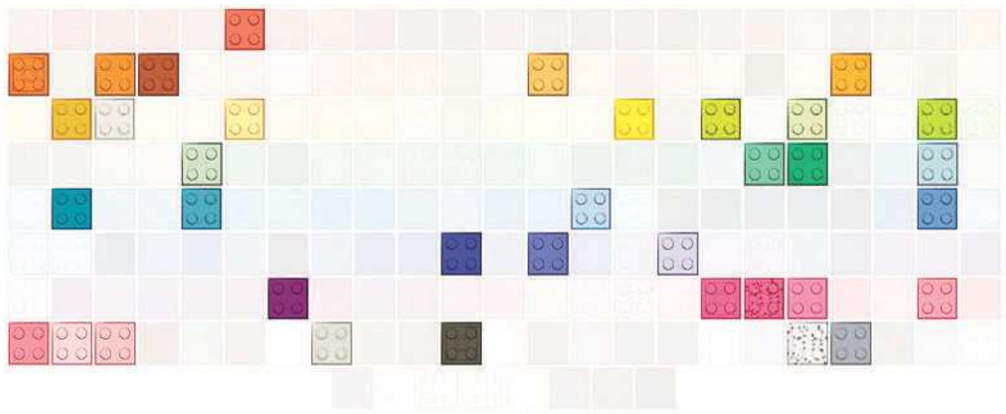
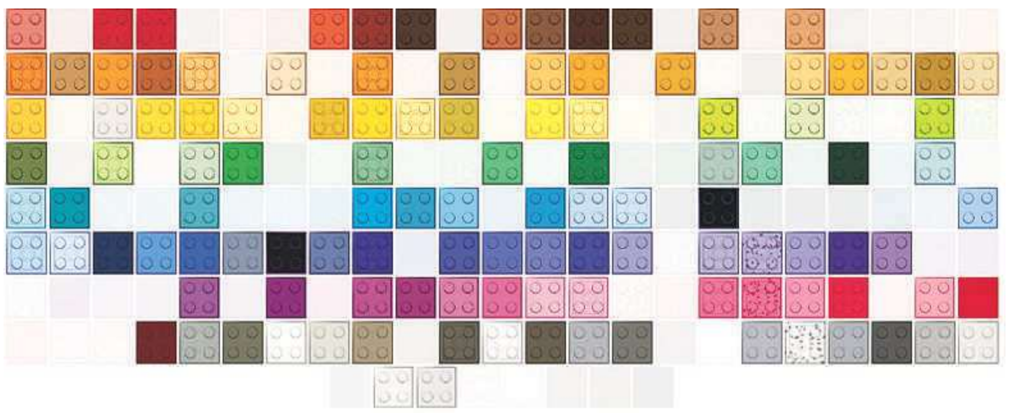


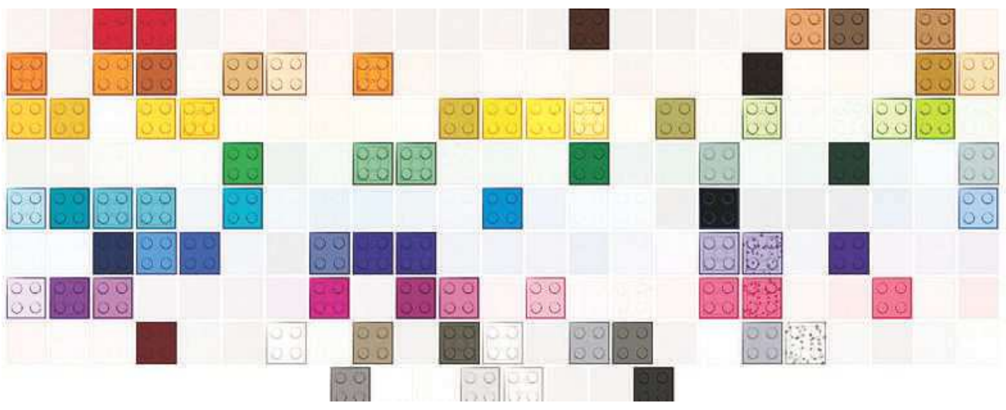
In the 1990s, the color palette got a new addition: pink. "We introduced a couple of themes targeted to girls," Weise said. "So that meant the introduction of more pastel-like colors, lighter greens and lighter pink colors."

Brick colors used in 2004



Lego's product portfolio was expanding, which strained the company's finances, Weise said. The number of colors in use tripled from 1990 to 2000, and the palette peaked in 2004 with more than 110 colors. To steady the company, Lego reduced the number of bricks as well as the size of the color palette — down to about 60 in 2007. "We went from 14,000 different types of [bricks] to around 3,500," Weise said.

Brick colors used in 2022



The palette has grown slightly since 2007 to about 70 colors in 2022.

A more controlled color palette means designers have to work creatively within Lego's color system, Weise said. One way designers do that is by reimagining pieces with new colors. For example, a frog piece appears in a bonsai tree set — but pink. The set contains many pink frogs, which sit on the branches of the tree in bloom, giving the appearance of flowers.

Similarly, an Avatar set includes turquoise bananas and purple carrots to build plant life. "You have to find new ways of using old things," said Weise. "We're making sure that [the bricks] are within the system and that they fit together with everything we have been doing."

Themes widen the palette

Beginning in the 1960s, Lego grouped its products into a handful of categories, but it wasn't until 1978 that Lego debuted the first major themes — Castle, Town and Space. Those themed sets form what is known to fans as the "classic three," Hinton said.

These themes each had a palette based on the colors of the time — early Castle sets included mostly yellow bricks while Town included a lot more white and red.

As Lego's color system evolved and grew, so did the possibility for distinctive palettes. Among the themes that Lego launched in the 1990s were Star Wars and Belville, a category with elements including playgrounds, horses, castles and princesses. Both needed very different color profiles.

"There was this trend of pink toys [in the 1990s]," said Erica Weisgram, a professor at the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point who researches gender development in children. "Pink got to be a designation of femininity."

After the introduction of the pinks and pastels in the 1990s, the darker colors and primary colors in Lego's palette seemed a lot more masculine by comparison, Weisgram said.

Lego sets are still seen as gendered among parents. In a study commissioned by Lego and conducted by the Geena Davis Institute, researchers found that in an implicit bias assessment, 76 percent of parents said they'd recommend Lego for their sons, compared with 24 percent who said the same of daughters.

In that study, researchers shared recommendations — including about color — to help make Lego products more gender-neutral.

"Palette is a really important way that who a toy is for is communicated," said Lisa Dinella, a professor at Monmouth University who studies children's toy play along with gendered experiences. "Our science is really clear that children and consumers notice the color palettes, and that they know that those color palettes are associated with particular genders."

In 2021, Lego committed to making its toys more gender-neutral.

Lego minifigures and representation

The introduction of themes also marked the first time a Lego set included the yellow minifigure. The yellow minifigure introduced in 1978 was intended to be "ethnically neutral," according to a Lego account of the history of the minifigure, and for decades almost all were yellow.

That changed in 2003 when Lego released a minifigure for Lando Calrissian, a Black character in "Star Wars." In that same account, authors write that he was the first minifigure in the Star Wars theme and among the first of all minifigures with natural skin tones.

Star Wars minifigures for human characters — like Luke Skywalker, for example — had been yellow up to that point. The decision to make Lando Calrissian's skin brown was controversial among fans, Hinton said, because the introduction of a Black minifigure in a world of yellow minifigures suggested that all yellow minifigures actually represented White skin tones.

Lando Calrissian was not the only minifigure released in 2003 with natural skin tones. That same year, Lego also released minifigures for several real-life people, including NBA stars Kobe Bryant, Chris Webber and Steve Nash. In 2004, Lego released a new color for light skin and updated minifigures in various franchises with natural skin tones.

"It's important for us because using different colors, especially when we talk skin tones, is what enables us to represent more people," Weise said. "More people, more children and more adults feel represented in our sets."

Lego recently cited a desire among kids to see themselves better represented in their toys, which inspired a launch of a new set of characters for Lego's Friends theme.

"Representation is always a really good thing for kids to be able to see. They want to see themself in the commercial. They want to see themself in this toy," Weisgram said.

"Even though we have grown and the color palette has grown with us, we still know where we are coming from and what we're going to stick with to keep the success going as well," Weise said.

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SPORTS

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Steelers	17	Bills	20	Falcons	21	Lions	42	Colts	23	Dolphins	31	Patriots	0	Rams	14	Cardinals	20	Broncos	21	Vikings	20	49ers	42

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Through five games, rookies are a nonfactor

Injuries, struggles force Commanders to lean on their experienced players

BY NICKI JHABVALA

In the 2022 NFL draft, the Washington Commanders prioritized polished players over well-rounded athletes. They wanted skill and immediate impact to surround their quarterback, Carson Wentz, with options. So they selected players with plenty of college experience, including first-round wide receiver Jahan Dotson and third-round running back Brian Robinson Jr., who became starters as rookies.

They took defensive tackle Phidarian Mathis in the second round, figuring he could quickly become part of the rotation up front. (A season-ending injury in Week 1 derailed that plan.) They had a similar idea for fourth-round safety Percy Butler and fifth-round tight end Cole Turner, depth players who could help on special teams, too.

"You'd like to think that the early-on picks . . . [are] going to be able to contribute one way or the other," Coach Ron Rivera said after that draft. "And more so when you get into your top four — you want some sort of impact from them."

Though it's too early to fully evaluate the impact of Washington's 2023 draft class, the results so far are strikingly different from those in recent years — and disappointing. The majority of the seven-player class is still developing, and the lone starter, first-round cornerback Emmanuel Forbes Jr., has struggled, costing the team in consecutive losses before getting benched.

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Commanders at Falcons
Sunday, 1 p.m., CBS

ON FOOTBALL

The Pac-12 is the fun kind of league that a few might want to stick around, our Chuck Culpepper says. **D2**

RUNNING

The marathon record is shattered — and nears two hours — as Kelvin Kiptum wins in Chicago. **D2**

PRO FOOTBALL

In Week 5, the Jaguars stump the Bills, the Eagles win again, and the 49ers crush the Cowboys. **D3-5**

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Chelsea Gray roared her approval Sunday after Las Vegas teammate Jackie Young, right, scored and drew a foul against New York.

Coming up Aces

BY KAREEM COPELAND

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Young helps Las Vegas win Game 1 of WNBA Finals

LAS VEGAS — About 90 minutes before Sunday's Game 1 of the WNBA Finals, Becky Hammon casually mentioned that she thought Jackie Young could be the X-factor in this series. Her declaration wasn't exactly shocking; the Las Vegas Aces' coach was talking about the 2019 No. 1 draft pick and a two-time all-star in the midst of a career year.

Regardless, Young made her coach look like a soothsayer when she poured in 26 points to lead the Aces to a 99-82 victory over the New York Liberty in front of a star-studded crowd at Michelob Ultra Arena.

"I think Jackie's just scratching the surface of how great she can be," Hammon said after the game. "She does so many things that help you win the game. She's just one of those people that just keeps her nose to the ground. I just encourage her to be, like, aggressive — whatever that means.

"She's a great decision-maker. She's a big, strong guard that has defense first."

This is the matchup WNBA fans had been anticipating after both teams loaded up in the offseason. The Aces are the defending champions and feature A'ja Wilson, the 2022 MVP and back-to-back defensive player of the year, along with three other all-stars in the starting lineup. They added two-time MVP Candace Parker, who is out with a foot injury, and two-time champion Alysha Clark.

The Liberty traded for 2021 MVP Jonquel Jones and signed Breanna Stewart, who won her second MVP

SEE WNBA FINALS ON D7

WNBA Finals, Game 2: Liberty at Aces | Wednesday, 9 p.m., ESPN

Game 2 loss puts the O's on the brink

RANGERS 11, ORIOLES 8

BY CHELSEA JANES

BALTIMORE — All year, inexperience threatened to catch up with the Baltimore Orioles. They had plenty of young talent. And after years of losing in service of a rebuild that never guaranteed anything, they had plenty of hunger. What they did not have was an understanding of what it took to win — to win all summer, to win down the stretch and to win in October.

Yet that inexperience seemed to inoculate the Orioles against whatever pressure their achievements earned, leaving them blissfully unaware of just how hard winning in the major leagues can be. They did not know what it meant to fail — not in any lasting way, at least. So they did not see any reason they could not succeed. And until this weekend, they had done nothing else.

But now, after an 11-8 loss to the Texas Rangers in Game 2 of the American League Division Series in which multiple members of their pitching staff imploded, the Orioles have reached a tipping point: Having already lost behind their top two starters, they need three straight wins, the first two on the road, to save their season. The task is monumental, and the resilience required will be far greater than what they have had to show so far. Then again, this group has never done this division series thing before. It is possible the Orioles do not know how hard it will be, which might make it easier to do.

"No one said it was going to be easy," shortstop Jorge Mateo said through team interpreter Brandon Quinones. "We're right here. We're going to fight the fight."

Even Sunday, when rookie Grayson Rodriguez and the bullpen walked as many batters through six innings (10) as Baltimore had in a full game all season and the Orioles stumbled into an early 9-2 deficit, they got back into the game. They outhit the Rangers 14-11. They saw rookie Gunnar Henderson hit his first

SEE ORIOLES ON D6

MLB division series

American League

Game 2: Rangers 11, Orioles 8
Game 3: Tomorrow, 8 p.m., Fox

Game 2: Twins 6, Astros 2
Game 3: Tomorrow, 4 p.m., Fox

National League

Phillies at Braves
Game 2: Today, 6 p.m., TBS

Diamondbacks at Dodgers
Game 2: Today, 9 p.m., TBS

As Rooney moves on, it's time for United to take long view

On Soccer
STEVEN GOFF

D.C. United's hiring of Wayne Rooney as coach last year — just like its signing of Wayne Rooney the lethal striker five years ago — was never a long-term solution.

Rooney, who lasted 1½ seasons in each role, came stateside in both instances to rouse a forgotten MLS club in a prospering league. As a player, he brought global gusto to freshly opened Audi Field and marketing power to a faded brand. With his career winding down, though, he figured to stay no more than two or three seasons.

Upon his return as coach in July 2022, Rooney signed an unusually short contract, through the 2023 season. With Rooney's wife and children staying in England and his ambitions tied to a bigger job back home someday, neither he nor United officials expected this gig to last forever, either. It would jointly serve their short-term purposes.

By this summer, Rooney did take to the idea of extending his stay. He wanted to continue the building process. United, though, was not quite ready to look ahead; it wanted to see results this year.

Any talk of a new contract hinged on the team's performance in the second half of the season. At the bare minimum, Rooney needed to make the playoffs — not a tall task in a generous league.

A late-season slide sealed his fate. Co-owners Jason Levien and Steve Kaplan were in attendance in Austin on Wednesday for a 3-0 howler that all but ended United's playoff chances. Elimination came Saturday despite a 2-0 victory over New York City FC.

The postgame announcement that United and Rooney had agreed to part ways was not surprising. A patchwork measure had failed to stop a string of four consecutive

SEE ON SOCCER ON D12

Biles ends a dominant week with two more golds

YVES HERMAN/REUTERS

Simone Biles narrowly won gold in the floor event using a program packed with powerful tumbling.

BY EMILY GIAMBALVO

ANTWERP, BELGIUM — After the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, Simone Biles's future in gymnastics was in limbo. The lingering question was not whether she would return to greatness but whether she would even want to try. Biles took a year away from the sport and then, with little self-generated fanfare, launched a comeback. That led to this past week's triumphs, a brilliant showing at the world championships that left no doubt: Simone Biles is back.

Biles thrived under pressure and capped her run Sunday with two more gold medals. In the last women's events — the beam and floor finals — Biles showcased the same superb routines that she had all week and has for years. She will leave here with five medals, including four golds, and with the newly minted status as the most decorated gymnast in history.

But this competition was more about what Biles proved to herself — and to others. She showed she could handle the stress of a

SEE BILES ON D7

With triple-OT thriller, game-winning kick and defensive gem, Pac-12 shows out

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USC quarterback Caleb Williams rushed for three touchdowns, one in the first overtime, before running in the winning two-pointer in the third extra period against Arizona.

On Football

CHUCK CULPEPPER

By now, it's a leading theme of chatter in a chatterbox nation that the Pac-12 has found admiration at the brink of its disintegration. It's flourishing in 2023 before perishing in 2024. It's a hell of a league for now and a hellish sign of grotesque realignment forever.

The theme seems only to deepen weekend by weekend, as if sneering and smirking at all of us who will pine for the Pac once 10 of its 12 teams either bolt or crawl toward three of the country's more eastern, TV-richer leagues. The damned theme deepened again Saturday night, when Southern California and Arizona tussled over an apparent hallucination that wound up 43-41 in triple overtime, glitzy Colorado got a gutty field goal to win at Arizona State and soon-abandoned Oregon State kept looking swell at California.

Then the shipwrecked league sailed toward a blissful weekend upcoming, with spotless Oregon visiting spotless Washington, rugged UCLA — what? — visiting Oregon State, and Southern California headed for Notre Dame, all after Deion Sanders's Colorado plays a home game Friday night (wonder if that'll have any energy?) against Stanford. They will play these gaudy games, then go elsewhere next year in search of TV ratings, away from a league churning out great TV.

This has to be the strangest sport in the 200,000 years of human existence, outpacing even camel racing with remote-controlled robot jockeys for strangeness.

So the Pac-12 kept thrilling, enough to override other matters in the category of thrills, even if nothing could outshine the Oklahoma-Texas wonder in the Cotton Bowl.

It outshone the nightmarish Saturday night that smacked one of its former coaches, Mario Cristobal, who spent the 2021-22 offseason in a transcontinental splash from Oregon to his alma mater, Miami, carting along a reputation as a gem of a recruiter, a peach of a motivator and a dud of an in-game adapter.

Was this image fair? The chatter seesawed some, but now it tilts one way for a long time because Cristobal's Miami did not take a knee when a knee would have closed out a 20-17 win, handed off the ball, fumbled the ball away, then saw Georgia Tech wide receiver Christian Leary roaming free to catch Haynes King's game-winning 44-yard touchdown pass with one second left.

"We kind of thought they were taking a knee," Georgia Tech Coach Brent Key told reporters in Miami Gardens.

"I should've stepped in and said, 'Hey, just take a knee,' " Cristobal said.

"I see it, and I still don't believe it!" exclaimed "Voice of the Yellow Jackets" Andy Demetra.

The Pac-12, as a compelling collective, outshone the gathering fact that No. 1 Georgia and No. 2 Michigan have begun to look herculean again, as if primed for third straight College Football Playoff appearances.

It's ominous that Georgia, that twice-defending national champion, beat a very good Kentucky by a score such as 51-13. It's something that Georgia took a perennially good Kentucky defense and scored on it on every single first-half possession. "It's incredible," Coach Kirby Smart told reporters in Athens, Ga. "You're in the rhythm, and you don't realize you're scoring every possession."

It's foreboding, the quirky dialect. Smart and staff "challenged [the players] all week to have a connected physicality" and "talked all week about mass and acceleration equal force." The nation long since has learned that when Georgia starts talking connected physicality and mass and acceleration equal force, or when a linebacker such as Jamon Dumas-Johnson says after a 51-13 win, "They shouldn't have gotten [the two] scores," look out.

The tendency to overlook Michigan makes sense given its schedule, but it's a statement of purpose to win one's first two Big Ten road games 45-7 and 52-10, even considering the struggles of hosts Nebraska and Minnesota.

Thus did ninth-year coach Jim Harbaugh's comments include, "We haven't had any points scored on us in the third quarter," and, "We just keep getting better and better on the defensive front."

Total yards at Minnesota: 432-169.

At Penn State: Nov. 11.

Home to Ohio State: Nov. 25.

Chance of losing elsewhere: slim.

Still, the shine of the year comes from the West, just before it melts. Five of the top 10 passing teams lurk there — No. 1 Washington, No. 2 Washington State, No. 3 Southern California, No. 8 Colorado, No. 10 Oregon — yet the vast stat pool yields another phenomenon: How on powder-blue Earth does UCLA have the No. 1 yards-per-play defense (3.74) in mid-October after finishing 96th in 2018, 124th in 2019, 60th in 2021 and 74th in 2022, all while Coach Chip Kelly tinkered with, of course, the offense?

It's at least partly because of one D'Anton Lynn, former Penn State defensive back, former safeties coach for the Baltimore Ravens (last year), nowadays a first-year defensive coordinator in Westwood.

"Coach Lynn, he just brings a whole new energy to this team, to this defense," defensive back Alex Johnson told reporters after Washington State's great offense stalled in the Rose Bowl. "He also lets us be free within our positions, within our groups. We're always able to ask questions or give feedback, give comments, so that open communication has allowed us to play more freely."

Cameron Ward, the Washington State quarterback drawing deserved rave upon deserved rave, faltered to 19 for 39 for 197 yards in the 25-17 loss with one offensive touchdown, three sacks and six hurries.

"And it was impressive to see," Kelly said.

"He got frustrated a lot," UCLA defensive lineman Carl Jones Jr. said.

"They just had waves of guys coming at you," Washington State Coach Jake Dickert said.

A fetching nighttime followed.

Host Arizona State tied Colorado at 24 with 50 seconds left. Colorado quarterback Shedeur Sanders, that shy fellow, adopted what he called "let's go legendary mode" and threw a monster of a 43-yard pass to Javon Antonio to help arrange Alejandro Mata's doubtless 43-yard field goal with 12 seconds left and a 27-24 win.

Colorado got to 4-2 after 1-11 last year. Sanders brought his giant smile to the front of the rowdy Arizona State student section, where he showed those students his watch, which means it must be some watch. And his father, Coach Prime, practiced kicker love while explaining why he brought along a kicker from Jackson State last offseason.

"Why do you think I brought him here?" Sanders said. "Mata don't miss. You call a timeout and freeze him all you want. That don't mean nothing to Mata. That's who he is, and that's what he always says to me when I walk over to him and give him a hug. He says, 'I don't miss,' and I love it. So I told him to do your thing. 'Do your thing. Get your shine on. It's your moment, baby. Live it.' "

Check the numbers. Mata, from Buford, Ga., made 12 of 13 field goals and 50 of 51 extra points last year at Jackson State, then all four field goals and 10 of 11 extra points this year at Colorado.

That means he has three misses.

Wait: All were blocked.

It's literally true! *Mata don't miss.*

DJ Uiagalelei, last seen and long seen during a bumpy ride quarterbacking Clemson, continued to prosper at Oregon State (5-1) with five touchdown passes, three to tight end Jack Velling, in a 52-40 win at California.

Then, after midnight in some populous regions, bleary eyes might have seen USC star quarterback Caleb Williams make a frantic recovery of a fumbled exchange deep in field goal range with the seconds ticking in a 28-28 game against valiant Arizona. They might have seen Williams rush to spike the ball with two seconds left, on a play that didn't count because USC used its final timeout. They might have seen USC line up for a winning 25-yard field goal, then botch every iota of that process. And then they might have seen three overtimes, USC eking out a 43-41 win with Williams taking over and running the ball like some giant force.

They might have wished they could see such a league for longer.

AP TOP 25

		RECORD	PTS	PVS
1.	Georgia (50)	6-0	1559	1
2.	Michigan (11)	6-0	1489	2
3.	Ohio State (1)	5-0	1408	4
4.	Florida State (1)	5-0	1389	5
5.	Oklahoma	6-0	1278	12
6.	Penn State	5-0	1273	6
7.	Washington	5-0	1239	7
8.	Oregon	5-0	1150	8
9.	Texas	5-1	1052	3
10.	Southern California	6-0	999	9
11.	Alabama	5-1	971	11
12.	North Carolina	5-0	894	14
13.	Mississippi	5-1	748	16
14.	Louisville	6-0	731	25
15.	Oregon State	5-1	725	15
16.	Utah	4-1	567	18
17.	Duke	4-1	479	19
18.	UCLA	4-1	438	NR
19.	Washington State	4-1	412	13
19.	Tennessee	4-2	412	22
21.	Notre Dame	5-2	374	10
22.	LSU	4-2	321	23
23.	Kansas	5-1	103	NR
24.	Kentucky	5-1	99	20
25.	Miami	4-1	74	17

Others receiving votes: Missouri 69, Wyoming 42, Air Force 41, Wisconsin 41, Tulane 27, West Virginia 26, Clemson 17, Maryland 9, Iowa 7, James Madison 7, Texas A&M 5.

COACHES' POLL

		RECORD	PTS	PVS
1.	Georgia (61)	6-0	1597	1
2.	Michigan	6-0	1512	2
3.	Ohio State (2)	5-0	1443	3
4.	Florida State	5-0	1411	5
5.	Penn State	5-0	1300	6
6.	Washington (1)	5-0	1246	8
7.	Oklahoma	6-0	1200	12
8.	Oregon	5-0	1168	9
9.	Southern California	6-0	1121	7
10.	Alabama	5-1	1025	10
11.	Texas	5-1	982	4
12.	North Carolina	5-0	912	13
13.	Mississippi	5-1	764	15
14.	Oregon State	5-1	713	16
15.	Louisville	6-0	651	25
16.	Utah	4-1	600	19
17.	Tennessee	4-1	587	18
18.	Duke	4-1	451	21
19.	Washington State	4-1	370	14
20.	LSU	4-2	355	23
21.	Notre Dame	5-2	324	11
22.	UCLA	4-1	276	NR
23.	Kentucky	5-1	159	20
24.	Kansas	5-1	120	NR
25.	Missouri	5-1	78	22

Others receiving votes: Miami (4-1) 74, Wyoming (5-1) 60, Air Force (5-0) 58, Iowa (5-1) 57, Maryland (5-1) 37, Clemson (4-2) 33, West Virginia (4-1) 24, Wisconsin (4-1) 23, Texas A&M (4-2) 22, Tulane (4-1) 18, James Madison (5-0) 9, BYU (4-1) 9, Fresno State (5-1) 4, Ohio (5-1) 2, Memphis (4-1) 2, Florida (4-2) 2, Liberty (5-0) 1.

DIGEST

RUNNING

Kiptum runs the first sub-2:01 marathon

Kelvin Kiptum of Kenya lowered the world record in the marathon Sunday, nearly breaking the two-hour barrier in winning the Chicago Marathon. Dutch runner **Sifan Hassan** added another highlight by running the second-fastest women's marathon.

Kiptum, 23, finished the race, run in optimum conditions, in 2 hours 35 seconds, breaking the world record of 2:01:09 set by fellow Kenyan **Eliud Kipchoge** in the 2022 Berlin Marathon. Kenya's **Benson Kipruto** was second in 2:04:02, and **Bashir Abdi** of Belgium was third in 2:04:32. Four Americans — **Conner Mantz**, **Clayton Young**, **Galen Rupp** and **Sam Chelanga** — cracked the top 10.

Hassan, 30, won in 2:13:44, second only to the 2:11:53 world mark set by Ethiopia's **Tigist Assefa** last month in Berlin. **Ruth Chepngetich** of Kenya was second Sunday in 2:15:37, with Ethiopia's **Megertu Alemu** third in 2:17:09. Americans **Emily Sisson**, **Molly Seidel** and **Sara Vaughn** were among the top 10 finishers.

Kiptum has run only three marathons in his career but has posted three of the six fastest times in history. The others: 2:01:53 in Valencia, Spain, in December 2022 and 2:01:25 in London in April.

For most of the past 10 years, the 38-year-old Kipchoge has been recognized as the world's top male marathoner, and he is the only athlete known to have run 26.2 miles in under two hours. However, his 1:59:40.2 in 2019 came in a special event in Vienna, not in a record-eligible race.

— Cindy Boren

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Kelvin Kiptum of Kenya won the Chicago Marathon in a world record of 2:00:35, breaking Eliud Kipchoge's mark of 2:01:09.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Oklahoma moved up to No. 5 in the Associated Press poll, and Miami's late-game gaffe nearly cost the 25th-ranked Hurricanes a spot in rankings.

No. 1 Georgia, coming off its best game of the season, a rout of Kentucky, regained some of the first-place votes it lost last week when it needed a late rally to stay unbeaten at Auburn.

The Bulldogs got 50 first-place votes after 35 last week.

No. 2 Michigan received 11 first-place votes as the Wolverines roll along unbeaten.

No. 3 Ohio State and No. 4 Florida State each moved up a spot and received a first-place vote.

Oklahoma jumped seven spots after beating Texas on Saturday to reenter the top 10 for the first time since mid-September of last year, when it tumbled to a 6-7 season.

The Longhorns slipped six spots to No. 9.

No. 6 Penn State held its spot, as did No. 7 Washington and No. 8 Oregon a week before their Pac-12 showdown.

USC dropped a spot to No. 10 after escaping with a three-overtime victory against Arizona. The Trojans have fallen three straight weeks, despite remaining unbeaten.

Miami managed to hang on to a spot in the rankings, dropping eight places after losing for the first time this season in painful fashion to Georgia Tech.

Georgia's 17-week streak of No. 1 appearances ties it for the fourth most of all time with Florida State, which went wire-to-wire as No. 1 in 1999.

Next on the list is an 18-week streak at No. 1 by USC from 1972 to 1973. Then comes Miami's 21 in a row from 2001 to 2002.

The record is out of reach this year: USC was No. 1 in 33 straight polls from late in the 2003 season until the final poll of the 2005 season.

Seven teams that entered Saturday unbeaten lost, and two of them dropped out of the top 25.

Fresno State, which lost a Mountain West game at Wyoming, fell out of the ranking after two weeks in. Missouri lost to LSU and also slipped out after two weeks ranked.

The two teams jumping into the rankings this week were there earlier this season.

UCLA vaulted to No. 18 after beating Washington State, and No. 23 Kansas returned to the rankings after a week out by routing Central Florida.

TENNIS

In Beijing, second-ranked **Iga Swiatek** won the China Open with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over **Liudmila Samsonova** for her WTA Tour-leading fifth title of the season.

Swiatek's triumph, in her first visit to China, was her 16th career title and adds to her impressive 2023 haul that includes winning at the French Open.

Samsonova did not manage a single break point opportunity in the 69-minute final. . . .

Sebastian Korda stunned world No. 3 **Daniil Medvedev**, 7-6 (10-8), 6-2, to advance to the fourth round of the Shanghai Masters.

The 23-year-old American showed stamina and resilience by saving three set points to eventually prevail in the first-set tiebreaker.

Korda jumped to a 2-0 lead in the second set en route to his first career win over a top-five player.

Korda will next face **Francisco Cerundolo**, who beat **Marton Fucsovics**, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5.

Sixth-seeded **Jannik Sinner**, fresh off winning the China Open, had a 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 triumph over 25th-seeded **Sebastian Baez**, and 19th-seeded **Ben Shelton** defeated **Roman Safiullin**, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Eighth-seeded **Casper Ruud** made it back-to-back straight sets wins with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over 29th-seeded **Christopher Eubanks**. Ruud plays **Fabian Marozsan** in the fourth round.

In second-round matches carrying over from Saturday's rain delay, fifth seeded **Andrey Rublev** beat **Quentin Halys**, 6-4, 7-5, and Italy's **Lorenzo Sonego** defeated 10th-seeded **Frances Tiafoe**, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Also, **J.J. Wolf** outlasted 15th-seeded **Cameron Norrie**, 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (7-4), and **Grigor Dimitrov** eased past **Aleksander Vukic**, 6-4, 6-3. The 18th-seeded Dimitrov will next play 13th-seeded **Karen Khachanov**, who beat qualifier **Bebit Zhukayev**, 7-6 (7-1), 4-6, 6-2.

— From news services and staff reports

TELEVISION AND RADIO

MLB PLAYOFFS — DIVISION SERIES

6 p.m.	**National League, Game 2: Philadelphia at Atlanta** » TBS
9 p.m.	**National League, Game 2: Arizona at Los Angeles Dodgers** » TBS

NFL

8:15 p.m.	**Green Bay at Las Vegas** » WJLA (Ch. 7), WMAR (Ch. 2), ESPN, WJFK (106.7 FM)

NBA PRESEASON

8 p.m.	**San Antonio at Oklahoma City** » NBA TV

TENNIS

5 a.m.	**ATP: Shanghai Masters, early rounds; WTA: Zhengzhou Open, Korea Open and Hong Kong Open, early rounds** » Tennis Channel
11 p.m.	**ATP: Shanghai Masters, early rounds; WTA: Zhengzhou Open, Korea Open and Hong Kong Open, early rounds** » Tennis Channel

CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

1 p.m.	**Ottawa at Montreal** » CBS Sports Network

PROFESSIONAL VOLLEYBALL

7 p.m.	**Athletes Unlimited: Team Edmond vs. Team Nootsara** » ESPNU
9:30 p.m.	**Athletes Unlimited: Team Valentin-Anderson vs. Team De La Cruz** » ESPNU

COLLEGE GOLF

5 p.m.	**Jackson T. Stephens Cup, first round** » Golf Channel

NFL WEEK 5

Hurts helps Philadelphia stay perfect

BY GREG BEACHAM

EAGLES 23, RAMS 14

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. — Philadelphia went 74 yards in 30 seconds and lined up at the Los Angeles 1 for one final snap before halftime. Just about everybody in SoFi Stadium knew that last play would be the "tush push," the "Brotherly Shove" or whatever Jalen Hurts's secret name is for the Eagles' signature short-yardage surge.

The Rams knew it was coming but still couldn't keep Hurts from scoring a touchdown that put the Eagles ahead for good.

That's what it's like facing the powerhouse Eagles these days: They don't always execute perfectly, but they just keep moving forward.

Hurts passed for 303 yards and a touchdown and rushed for 72 yards and another score, and Philadelphia outlasted the Rams, 23-14, on Sunday to remain unbeaten.

Dallas Goedert had eight catches for 117 yards and an early touchdown for the Eagles, who are off to consecutive 5-0 starts for the first time in franchise history despite never pulling away in this meeting of the past two NFC champions. Philadelphia has won 22 of its past 23 regular season games.

"It's tough to win in this league, so we're really happy with where we're at," Goedert said. "We do have stuff we need to clean up, but it's a good start for us."

A.J. Brown had six catches for 127 yards, but the Eagles couldn't reach the end zone in the second half and had to rely on their defense, which shut out the Rams (2-3) after halftime. Hurts's surge into the end zone at the halftime gun was the game's final touchdown, but that was enough for Philadelphia.

"Not to pour more water into that jug, but it's something we've been able to do at a high level," Hurts said of the signature play, which he calls by a name he wouldn't disclose. "It's clear that it doesn't always work for everyone else, so we just want to continue to execute whenever it's called. . . . We just want to continue to grow. It's truly about growing."

The Eagles earned another road victory punctuated by another set of successful tush pushes, but they also will lament missed opportunities. They racked up 454 total yards but failed to score at least 25 points for the first time this season.

Philadelphia went 13 for 18 on third downs after struggling in that area last week. Still, the Eagles settled for short field goals by Jake Elliott after drives lasting 17 plays, 15 plays and 10 plays.

Philadelphia's defense covered for the offense's shortcomings, with Eagles rookie Jalen Carter picking up two sacks in the stadium where he won a national title with Georgia nine months ago. Haason Reddick also had two sacks.

— Associated Press

Ridder answers critics, lifts Atlanta

BY CHARLES ODUM

FALCONS 21, TEXANS 19

ATLANTA — All the talk from Atlanta Coach Arthur Smith the past two years about Desmond Ridder's poise and composure meant little until the quarterback demonstrated he could shine in the final minute with a game on the line.

Now Ridder has a last-second comeback win as an impressive answer to his critics.

Ridder passed and ran for touchdowns, providing a response to those who had called for him to be benched, Younghoe Koo kicked a go-ahead, 37-yard field goal as time expired, and the Falcons snapped a two-game skid by beating the Houston Texans, 21-19, on Sunday.

"Now he's got evidence, a great fourth-quarter comeback," Smith said of Ridder.

After Houston took a 19-18 lead with 1:49 remaining, Ridder completed each of his five passes on the final drive to set up Koo's game-ending kick. The Falcons (3-2) stopped a two-game skid.

"We proved we could stay calm, we could stay collected," Ridder said. "That was one of my first true two-minute drives. I didn't try to rush anything, didn't try to force anything, just stayed within my game."

It was a strong comeback for Ridder following his three turnovers, including a pick-six, in last week's 23-7 loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars in London.

Ridder had no turnovers against the Texans. His bounce-back performance ended a two-game winning streak for Houston (2-3).

The key play in the game-winning drive was Ridder's 23-yard completion to Drake London to the Houston 26 that Smith said "essentially decided the game."

Ridder's six-yard touchdown pass to rookie running back Bijan Robinson and two-point pass to Tyler Allgeier gave the Falcons a 15-12 lead early in the fourth quarter. Robinson reached back to catch the shovel pass against his hip before running through the middle of the Houston defense into the end zone.

Houston rookie quarterback C.J. Stroud answered with an 18-yard scoring pass to tight end Dalton Schultz, giving the Texans a 19-18 lead with 1:49 remaining. Schultz found an opening in the middle of the end zone behind safety Jessie Bates.

"We had an urgency on that last drive that we that obviously we need to do a better job earlier in the game," Schultz said. "We can't be kicking field goals all day long."

Stroud set an NFL record by starting his career with 177 pass attempts without an interception. He broke the record previously held by Dallas quarterback Dak Prescott. Stroud set the record for rookies a week earlier when he reached 151 attempts without an interception.

Stroud completed 20 of 35 passes for 249 yards and a score.

— Associated Press

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"We answered the bell every time they rung it," said Jaguars running back Travis Etienne Jr., who rushed 26 times for 136 yards and two touchdowns Sunday at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London.

Jacksonville gets signature win, goes 2-0 on London trip

BY KEN MAGUIRE

JAGUARS 25, BILLS 20

Etienne scores twice as defense contains Buffalo

LONDON — Whenever Josh Allen and the Buffalo Bills tried to rally in the fourth quarter on Sunday, Travis Etienne Jr. and the Jacksonville Jaguars had an answer.

Etienne rushed for 136 yards and two fourth-quarter touchdowns, and Jacksonville outlasted the jet-lagged Bills for a 25-20 win at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

"We answered the bell every time they rung it," Etienne said.

The Jaguars (3-2) may not want to leave London after getting back-to-back wins in the British capital, ending Buffalo's three-game winning streak and proving they can hang with an AFC powerhouse.

"We as a team, I think, are figuring out that we're very capable of winning these types of games," Jaguars Coach Doug Pederson said. "It's big. We came over here 1-2, and we're going back 3-2."

The Bills (3-2), who arrived in London on Friday morning, had routed their past three opponents but looked tired at times, rushed for only 29 yards and had a rash of injuries.

Etienne scored on a 35-yard run with just under three minutes left after carrying it in from six yards earlier. He also caught four passes for 48 yards. Calvin Ridley had seven catches for 122 yards.

Allen twice brought the Bills back late in the fourth quarter. He ran it in from three yards to complete a 75-yard drive that took just 45 seconds, making it 25-20 before the two-minute warning.

With the Bills out of timeouts, the Jaguars punted to the Buffalo 6, leaving the Bills just 22 seconds. Stefon Diggs caught a pass and tried to lateral it, but Jacksonville recovered the fumble.

In between Etienne's touchdowns, Allen completed a 19-yard touchdown pass to Gabe Davis to cut the deficit to five points with 4:03 to play.

Allen was 27 for 40 for 359 yards and two touchdown passes and an interception. Diggs had eight catches for 121 yards and a touchdown, and Davis had six catches for 100 yards and a score.

"We didn't take care of the little things," Allen said. "That's on us captains, making sure that this team is ready to go. You know, the opposing team, they were ready to go today. We weren't."

The Jaguars survived two costly strip-sack lost fumbles by Trevor Lawrence, both times in Buffalo territory.

"We knew what kind of game it was going to be," Lawrence said. "They're a great team. It's going to be a four-quarter game no matter how it starts."

The Jaguars led early when Zay Jones made an acrobatic play to haul in a six-yard touchdown pass in the back of the end zone in the first quarter and Etienne added the two-point conversion.

Lawrence finished 25 for 37 for 315 yards with the touchdown and two lost fumbles.

Diggs channeled his inner Ronaldo after catching a 15-yard touchdown pass to get Buffalo on the board with 1:14 left in the half. The wide receiver, who had promised fans a soccer-style celebration if he scored, beat cornerback Tyson Campbell off the line of scrimmage.

The Jaguars quickly moved the ball to the Buffalo 12, but edge-rusher A.J. Epenesa's strip-sack and fumble recovery ended the Jacksonville threat with 10 seconds left in the half. Epenesa beat left tackle Cam Robinson — just back from suspension — on Lawrence's blind side.

Epenesa and Leonard Floyd each finished with two sacks. The Jaguars had no sacks in the game.

Early in the fourth quarter, defensive tackle Ed Oliver sacked Lawrence and recovered the fumble at the Buffalo 32.

The Bills lost starting linebacker Matt Milano to a knee injury in the first quarter.

The Josh Allen vs. Josh Allen showdown only came into play when the Jaguars edge rusher was flagged for roughing the passer late in the game to give the Bills the ball first-and-goal from the 9. The Bills then scored to make it 18-13 on Davis's touchdown.

Up next, the Jaguars host the Indianapolis Colts with a chance to sweep their AFC South rival after beating them in the season opener.

The Bills are home for the New York Giants on Sunday night.

LEADERS

PASSING

	CMP-ATT	PCT.	YARDS	TD	INT
Sam Howell, Commanders	37-51	72.5	**388**	2	1
Josh Allen, Bills	27-40	67.5	**359**	2	1
Desmond Ridder, Falcons	28-37	75.7	**329**	1	0
Joe Burrow, Bengals	36-46	78.3	**317**	3	1
Trevor Lawrence, Jaguars	25-37	67.6	**315**	1	0
Tua Tagovailoa, Dolphins	22-30	73.3	**308**	2	2
Jalen Hurts, Eagles	25-38	65.8	**303**	1	1
Kirk Cousins, Vikings	29-47	61.7	**284**	2	0
Justin Fields, Bears	15-29	51.7	**282**	4	0
Patrick Mahomes, Chiefs	31-41	75.6	**281**	2	0

RUSHING

	ATT	YARDS	AVG.	TD
Breece Hall, Jets	22	**177**	8.0	1
Zack Moss, Colts	23	**165**	7.2	2
De'Von Achane, Dolphins	11	**151**	13.7	1
Travis Etienne Jr., Jaguars	26	**136**	5.2	2
David Montgomery, Lions	19	**109**	5.7	1
Joe Mixon, Bengals	25	**81**	3.2	0
Alvin Kamara, Saints	22	**80**	3.6	1
Khalil Herbert, Bears	10	**76**	7.6	0
Jalen Hurts, Eagles	15	**72**	4.8	1
D'Andre Swift, Eagles	17	**70**	4.1	0

RECEIVING

	TARGETS	REC	YARDS	AVG.	TD
DJ Moore, Bears	10	8	**230**	28.8	3
Ja'Marr Chase, Bengals	19	15	**192**	12.8	3
Tyreek Hill, Dolphins	9	8	**181**	22.6	1
DeAndre Hopkins, Titans	11	8	**140**	17.5	0
George Pickens, Steelers	10	6	**130**	21.7	1
A.J. Brown, Eagles	8	6	**127**	21.2	0
Calvin Ridley, Jaguars	8	7	**122**	17.4	0
Stefon Diggs, Bills	11	8	**121**	15.1	1
Cooper Kupp, Rams	12	8	**118**	14.8	0
Dallas Goedert, Eagles	9	8	**117**	14.6	1

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STANDINGS

NFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Philadelphia	5	0	0	1.000	141	104	2-0-0	3-0-0	1-0-0	4-0-0	1-0-0
Dallas	3	2	0	.600	134	83	2-0-0	1-2-0	2-0-0	1-2-0	1-0-0
Washington	2	3	0	.400	109	160	1-2-0	1-1-0	1-1-0	1-2-0	0-1-0
N.Y. Giants	1	4	0	.200	62	153	0-2-0	1-2-0	0-1-0	1-3-0	0-1-0

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Tampa Bay	3	1	0	.750	84	68	1-1-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	3-1-0	1-0-0
Atlanta	3	2	0	.600	83	96	3-0-0	0-2-0	1-1-0	2-1-0	1-0-0
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	96	76	1-1-0	2-1-0	2-0-0	1-2-0	1-1-0
Carolina	0	5	0	.000	91	144	0-2-0	0-3-0	0-0-0	0-5-0	0-2-0

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Detroit	4	1	0	.800	148	107	2-1-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	3-1-0	1-0-0
Green Bay	2	2	0	.500	100	96	1-1-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	2-2-0	1-1-0
Chicago	1	4	0	.200	115	157	0-2-0	1-2-0	0-2-0	1-2-0	0-1-0
Minnesota	1	4	0	.200	110	122	0-3-0	1-1-0	0-2-0	1-2-0	0-0-0

WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
San Francisco	5	0	0	1.000	167	68	3-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	4-0-0	2-0-0
Seattle	3	1	0	.750	111	91	1-1-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	3-1-0	0-1-0
L.A. Rams	2	3	0	.400	112	108	0-2-0	2-1-0	1-1-0	1-2-0	1-1-0
Arizona	1	4	0	.200	108	136	1-2-0	0-2-0	0-1-0	1-3-0	0-1-0

AFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Miami	4	1	0	.800	181	135	2-0-0	2-1-0	3-1-0	1-0-0	1-1-0
Buffalo	3	2	0	.600	159	80	2-1-0	1-1-0	2-2-0	1-0-0	1-1-0
N.Y. Jets	2	3	0	.400	93	105	1-2-0	1-1-0	2-2-0	0-1-0	1-1-0
New England	1	4	0	.200	55	131	0-3-0	1-1-0	1-1-0	0-3-0	1-1-0

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Indianapolis	3	2	0	.600	120	115	1-2-0	2-0-0	3-1-0	0-1-0	2-1-0
Jacksonville	3	2	0	.600	105	102	1-2-0	2-0-0	2-2-0	1-0-0	1-1-0
Houston	2	3	0	.400	115	100	1-1-0	1-2-0	2-2-0	0-1-0	1-1-0
Tennessee	2	3	0	.400	88	93	2-0-0	0-3-0	2-2-0	0-1-0	0-1-0

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	109	75	1-1-0	2-1-0	3-2-0	0-0-0	2-1-0
Pittsburgh	3	2	0	.600	79	110	2-1-0	1-1-0	3-1-0	0-1-0	2-0-0
Cleveland	2	2	0	.500	76	60	2-1-0	0-1-0	2-2-0	0-0-0	1-2-0
Cincinnati	2	3	0	.400	83	114	1-1-0	1-2-0	0-3-0	2-0-0	0-2-0

WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Kansas City	4	1	0	.800	128	80	1-1-0	3-0-0	2-0-0	2-1-0	0-0-0
L.A. Chargers	2	2	0	.500	110	104	1-1-0	1-1-0	1-2-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
Las Vegas	1	3	0	.250	62	101	0-1-0	1-2-0	1-3-0	0-0-0	1-1-0
Denver	1	4	0	.200	121	181	0-3-0	1-1-0	0-3-0	1-1-0	0-1-0

Thursday's result

Chicago 40, at Washington 20

Sunday's results

at Pittsburgh 17, Baltimore 10
Jacksonville 25, Buffalo 20 in London
at Atlanta 21, Houston 19
at Detroit 42, Carolina 24
at Indianapolis 23, Tennessee 16
at Miami 31, N.Y. Giants 16
New Orleans 34, at New England 0
Cincinnati 34, at Arizona 20
Philadelphia 23, at L.A. Rams 14
Kansas City 27, at Minnesota 20
N.Y. Jets 31, at Denver 21
at San Francisco 42, Dallas 10
Open: Cleveland, L.A. Chargers, Seattle, Tampa Bay

Monday's game

Green Bay at Las Vegas, 8:15 p.m.

Thursday's game

Denver at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.

Sunday's games

Washington at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Tennessee in London, 9:30 a.m.
Carolina at Miami, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Houston, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
New England at Las Vegas, 4:05 p.m.
Arizona at L.A. Rams, 4:25 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 4:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, 4:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Buffalo, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Pittsburgh, Green Bay

Monday, Oct. 16

Dallas at L.A. Chargers, 8:15 p.m.

Pittsburgh finds a way to beat its rival

STEELERS 17, RAVENS 10

BY WILL GRAVES

PITTSBURGH — Mike Tomlin spent a portion of the week showing the Pittsburgh Steelers clips of their longtime rivalry with the Baltimore Ravens.

It was filled with big hits, iconic plays and career-defining performances.

For the better part of three hours on Sunday, there was little to add to the reel.

Until, that is, the end, when a precocious play by a rookie whose father knows a thing or two about beating the Ravens led to a pair of throws that erased 56 minutes of offensive ineptitude, the last a 41-yard rainbow from Kenny Pickett to George Pickens with 1 minute 17 seconds to go that helped the Steelers rally to an improbable 17-10 victory.

"We found a way to win down the stretch," Pickett said. "I think that's all that matters. You know, we're nowhere near as good as we need to be."

Not even close. Yet it didn't matter. Not with the Ravens (3-2) intent on giving the game away.

Baltimore turned the ball over three times, allowed a blocked punt for a safety that sparked Pittsburgh's late surge and squandered a handful of other opportunities to bury the Steelers (3-2), the last coming when Lamar Jackson's lob to the end zone to Zay Flowers with 4:10 to go ended up in the hands of Pittsburgh cornerback Joey Porter Jr., son of former Steeler linebacker and coach Joey Porter Sr.

Pickett, whose erratic play over the opening month of the season has offered little proof he's ready to "kill it" in his first full year as the starter, gathered himself enough to drive the Steelers 80 yards in eight plays.

The last came when Pickens beat veteran Ravens cornerback and fellow Hoover (Ala.) High alum Marlon Humphrey down the sideline to give Pittsburgh its first touchdown in nine quarters and help the Steelers put a one-sided blowout loss to Houston the previous week firmly in the rearview mirror.

JOE SARGENT/GETTY IMAGES

Steelers quarterback Kenny Pickett found wideout George Pickens for a fourth-quarter touchdown.

"The resiliency from the game we just played was incredible," said Pickens, who caught six passes for 130 yards.

Baltimore certainly helped. The Ravens dropped a handful of passes, including two in the end zone, and two of their three turnovers came in the last five minutes to lose a game they seemingly had under control from the opening coin toss.

"They came out and played their game and ended up getting one," Flowers said. "But we let them take that one."

Jackson appeared on the verge of a breakout against the Steelers, a team he has struggled against since entering the league in 2018. He had a 26-yard run early and found open receivers while moving the ball with ease.

It didn't last. The Ravens mustered just 91 yards after halftime and allowed four sacks, including a strip-sack by Alex Highsmith with 1:02 remaining that led to Chris Boswell's third field goal.

Jackson finished 22 of 38 for 236 yards and the late interception and 45 yards rushing while falling to 2-4 in his career against Pittsburgh.

"We had [the Steelers] beat," Jackson said. "[On] offense, we had to find our groove; we didn't find it. The defense played a great game — kept stopping, kept giving us opportunities. We've just got to do what we do [and] finish drives."

Baltimore was up 10-3 and driving late in the first half when it faced fourth and two at the Pittsburgh 23 with the clock ticking.

Rather than have Justin Tucker come on for a very makable field goal, Ravens center Tyler Linderbaum snapped the ball to a surprised Jackson, who rolled to his right and threw the ball away.

The original plan was to kick, but Linderbaum thought he saw one of the Steelers jump into the neutral zone and started the play expecting a penalty that would have resulted in a Baltimore first down.

Instead, the Ravens ended up with nothing.

"It was my fault not being aware and putting our team in a bad situation," Linderbaum said.

For Pittsburgh, Pickett's game-winning drive will help ease — momentarily anyway — some of the heat surrounding the offense and embattled coordinator Matt Canada.

While early game issues remain very much a problem, the Steelers managed 201 yards and scored three times in the second half. Pickett completed 18 of 32 for 242 yards and the touchdown, struggling with his accuracy except when throwing the ball up to the 6-foot-4 Pickens.

While the chants of "Fire Canada" popped up at times, by the end they were replaced by a collective roar — and maybe an exhale or two in the coach's box — as Pickett put together a game-winning drive in the final minutes for a second straight meeting with the Ravens.

"You get to this level, there's so many outside factors that try to get into a team and try to pull a team apart, whether it's media-related, fan-related, whatever it may be," Pickett said. "You have to stay together because it's the ultimate team game."

— Associated Press

Colts 23, Titans 16

Zack Moss upstaged the return of Jonathan Taylor by running for a career-high 165 yards and two scores and Gardner Minshew II was sharp in relief of the injured Anthony Richardson to lead Indianapolis.

The Colts snapped a seven-game losing streak at home by beating the Titans for the first time in six tries.

Richardson left with a right shoulder injury late in the first half. He stayed down several minutes before walking slowly from the field to the injury tent with his shoulder drooped. Several minutes later, he came out of the tent and walked with the team's medical personnel into the locker room.

Richardson was ruled out early in the third quarter after going 9 of 12 for 98 yards. Minshew was 11 of 14 for 155 yards in relief of Richardson.

On a day when most expected Taylor or Tennessee's Derrick Henry to be the focus, it was Moss who dazzled. He averaged 7.2 yards on 23 carries, caught two passes for 30 yards and made play after play.

TENNESSEE	3	3	10	0	—16
INDIANAPOLIS	7	3	7	6	—23

FIRST QUARTER
Tennessee: FG Folk 27, 3:13.
Indianapolis: Moss 56 run (Gay kick), :41.

SECOND QUARTER
Indianapolis: FG Gay 43, 9:32.
Tennessee: FG Folk 53, 4:39.

THIRD QUARTER
Tennessee: Spears 19 run (Folk kick), 12:48.
Indianapolis: Moss 3 run (Gay kick), 8:00.
Tennessee: FG Folk 34, 2:02.

FOURTH QUARTER
Indianapolis: FG Gay 35, 13:22.
Indianapolis: FG Gay 28, 1:00.
Attendance: 65,287.

	TEN	IND
First Downs	19	21
Total Net Yards	348	429
Rushes-Yards	22-89	34-193
Passing	259	236
Punt Returns	1-12	1-5
Kickoff Returns	1-12	1-19
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-10
Comp-Att-Int	23-35-1	20-26-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-5	1-17
Punts	1-43.0	1-50.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-58	8-55
Time Of Possession	28:57	31:03

PASSING
Tennessee: Tannehill 23-34-1-264, Henry 0-1-0-0.
Indianapolis: Minshew 11-14-0-155, Richardson 9-12-0-98.

RUSHING
Tennessee: Henry 13-43, Spears 7-34, Tannehill 2-12.
Indianapolis: Moss 23-165, Taylor 6-18, Richardson 2-5, McKenzie 1-4, Minshew 2-1.

RECEIVING
Tennessee: Hopkins 8-140, Okonkwo 5-33, Spears 4-35, Henry 3-19, Wesco 1-21, Westbrook-Ikhine 1-9, Whyle 1-7.
Indianapolis: Downs 6-97, Pittman 5-52, Moss 2-30, Ogletree 2-16, Granson 2-15, Alie-Cox 1-17, Taylor 1-16, Pierce 1-10.

MISSED FIELD GOALS
None.

Saints 34, Patriots 0

Alvin Kamara rushed for a score to become New Orleans's career touchdown leader and Derek Carr had two scoring passes in a rout.

Tyrann Mathieu added a 27-yard interception return for a touchdown to help the Saints chase Patriots quarterback Mac Jones from the game — the second straight week Coach Bill Belichick sidelined Jones in the second half.

Kamara punched in his 73rd career touchdown, one of his 22 carries for 80 yards. Carr finished 18 of 26 for 183 yards and Michael Thomas had four catches for 65 yards as New Orleans ended a two-game skid.

It was the second-worst shutout loss in team history for New England, trailing only a 52-0 drubbing in Miami against the undefeated Dolphins in 1972. It also drops the Patriots to 1-4 for the first time since 2000, Belichick's first season in New England.

He remains a win short of joining Hall of Famers Don Shula and George Halas as the only coaches in NFL history with 300 regular season victories.

NEW ORLEANS	7	14	3	10	—34
NEW ENGLAND	0	0	0	0	—0

FIRST QUARTER
New Orleans: Mathieu 27 interception return (Grupe kick), 7:02.

SECOND QUARTER
New Orleans: Kamara 2 run (Grupe kick), 14:23.
New Orleans: Olave 5 pass from Carr (Grupe kick), 10:47.

THIRD QUARTER
New Orleans: FG Grupe 54, 11:34.

FOURTH QUARTER
New Orleans: Moreau 6 pass from Carr (Grupe kick), 13:03.
New Orleans: FG Grupe 53, 5:43.
Attendance: 64,628.

	NO	NE
First Downs	17	8
Total Net Yards	304	156
Rushes-Yards	42-136	18-45
Passing	168	111
Punt Returns	3-22	2-1
Kickoff Returns	1-18	2-42
Interceptions Ret.	2-27	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	18-26-0	15-31-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-15	2-21
Punts	7-43.857	8-44.125
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	12-86	5-30
Time Of Possession	39:34	20:26

PASSING
New Orleans: Carr 18-26-0-183.
New England: Mac.Jones 12-22-2-110, Zappe 3-9-0-22.

RUSHING
New Orleans: Kamara 22-80, Miller 12-37, Hill 3-19, Carr 2-4, Winston 3-(minus 4).
New England: Stevenson 8-24, Elliott 8-21, Mac.Jones 1-0, Montgomery 1-0.

RECEIVING
New Orleans: Thomas 4-65, Miller 4-53, Kamara 3-17, Shaheed 2-28, Olave 2-12, Moreau 1-6, Hill 1-1, Kirkwood 1-1.
New England: Elliott 4-17, Smith-Schuster 3-6, Bourne 2-43, Parker 2-20, Gesicki 2-17, Douglas 1-24, Montgomery 1-5.

MISSED FIELD GOALS
New England: Ryland 48.

Dolphins 31, Giants 16

Rookie De'Von Achane had a 76-yard rushing touchdown and Tyreek Hill surpassed 150 yards receiving for the third time this season for Miami.

The Dolphins' 524 yards gave them 2,568 for the season, which are the most yards through the first five games of a season in NFL history.

Miami regained first place in the AFC East after Buffalo lost to Jacksonville in London earlier Sunday.

Tua Tagovailoa was 22 for 30 for 308 yards and two touchdowns with two interceptions for the Dolphins.

The Giants' Jason Pinnock returned one of the interceptions 102 yards for New York's only touchdown. It was the Giants' first touchdown in the first half of a game this season, and it tied for the longest interception return in team history.

Giants quarterback Daniel Jones left in the fourth quarter with a neck injury after a sack by Andrew Van Ginkel. Tyrod Taylor replaced Jones and led the Giants on a drive capped by a 51-yard field goal by Graham Gano.

N.Y. GIANTS	0	10	3	3	—16
MIAMI	7	10	14	0	—31

FIRST QUARTER
Miami: Waddle 2 pass from Tagovailoa (J.Sanders kick), 7:09.

SECOND QUARTER
Miami: Achane 76 run (J.Sanders kick), 10:02.
N.Y. Giants: FG Gano 49, 3:41.
N.Y. Giants: Pinnock 102 interception return (Gano kick), 1:40.
Miami: FG J.Sanders 40, :00.

THIRD QUARTER
Miami: T.Hill 69 pass from Tagovailoa (J.Sanders kick), 14:06.
N.Y. Giants: FG Gano 37, 4:26.
Miami: Mostert 2 run (J.Sanders kick), :00.

FOURTH QUARTER
N.Y. Giants: FG Gano 51, 8:51.
Attendance: 65,654.

	NYG	MIA
First Downs	15	22
Total Net Yards	268	524
Rushes-Yards	29-85	23-222
Passing	183	302
Punt Returns	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns	1-20	1-25
Interceptions Ret.	2-109	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	23-32-0	22-30-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	7-22	1-6
Punts	4-40.25	2-34.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-43	6-43
Time Of Possession	35:59	24:01

PASSING
N.Y. Giants: D.Jones 14-20-0-119, Taylor 9-12-0-86.
Miami: Tagovailoa 22-30-2-308.

RUSHING
N.Y. Giants: Gray 12-25, D.Jones 4-24, Breida 9-21, Taylor 3-14, W.Robinson 1-1.
Miami: Achane 11-151, Mostert 10-65, Tagovailoa 2-6.

RECEIVING
N.Y. Giants: Waller 8-86, W.Robinson 5-18, Slayton 2-35, Campbell 2-23, Hodgins 2-19, Shepard 1-13, Bellinger 1-7, Breida 1-3, Gray 1-1.
Miami: T.Hill 8-181, Waddle 5-35, C.Wilson 4-52, Berrios 2-13, Mostert 2-13, Achane 1-14.

MISSED FIELD GOALS
N.Y. Giants: Gano 55.

Lions 42, Panthers 24

Jared Goff threw three touchdown passes in the first half and ran for a score in the fourth quarter, lifting Detroit.

The NFC North-leading Lions are alone atop the division in October or later for the first time since 2016.

The Panthers turned the ball over three times in the first half — two coming on consecutive snaps — to set up Detroit for three touchdowns and a 28-10 halftime lead.

Carolina rookie quarterback Bryce Young was picked off twice in the first half, and Miles Sanders lost a fumble.

Young, the No. 1 overall pick, was 25 of 41 for 247 yards and three touchdowns with the two interceptions. He entered the game with two touchdowns, two interceptions and two fumbles lost in three starts.

Goff's one-yard sneak early in the fourth put Detroit ahead 35-10. David Montgomery had 109 yards rushing and a score, and rookie tight end Sam LaPorta caught two touchdown passes in the first half.

CAROLINA	0	10	0	14	—24
DETROIT	14	14	0	14	—42

FIRST QUARTER
Detroit: Montgomery 42 run (Patterson kick), 9:41.
Detroit: LaPorta 4 pass from Goff (Patterson kick), 4:53.

SECOND QUARTER
Carolina: Tremble 1 pass from Young (Pineiro kick), 12:48.
Detroit: J.Reynolds 1 pass from Goff (Patterson kick), 3:50.
Detroit: LaPorta 31 pass from Goff (Patterson kick), 3:21.
Carolina: FG Pineiro 33, :06.

FOURTH QUARTER
Detroit: Goff 1 run (Patterson kick), 14:58.
Carolina: Chark 18 pass from Young (Pineiro kick), 11:52.
Detroit: C.Reynolds 5 run (Patterson kick), 7:27.
Carolina: Thielen 1 pass from Young (Pineiro kick), 1:55.
Attendance: 63,648.

	CAR	DET
First Downs	26	23
Total Net Yards	342	377
Rushes-Yards	23-99	30-159
Passing	243	218
Punt Returns	1-3	0-0
Kickoff Returns	3-75	1-22
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-17
Comp-Att-Int	25-41-2	20-28-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-4	2-18
Punts	3-38.0	2-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-45	5-35
Time Of Possession	28:45	31:15

PASSING
Carolina: Young 25-41-2-247.
Detroit: Goff 20-28-0-236.

RUSHING
Carolina: Hubbard 9-35, Sanders 7-32, Shenault 5-27, Young 1-4, Dalton 1-1.
Detroit: Montgomery 19-109, C.Reynolds 7-52, Goff 2-0, Bridgewater 2-(minus 2).

RECEIVING
Carolina: Thielen 11-107, Mingo 5-48, Chark 3-42, Hurst 3-21, I.Thomas 1-28, Tremble 1-1, Hubbard 1-0.
Detroit: J.Reynolds 4-76, LaPorta 3-47, Raymond 3-45, Wright 3-16, M.Jones 2-22, Montgomery 2-20, Williams 2-2, Knight 1-8.

MISSED FIELD GOALS
None.

Bengals 34, Cardinals 20

Joe Burrow threw for 317 yards and three touchdowns to Ja'Marr Chase, who finished with a season-high 192 yards receiving for Cincinnati.

It was a much-needed offensive performance for Burrow, who signed the NFL's richest contract during the offseason but was slowed through his first four games of the season by a calf injury. The 26-year-old looked plenty healthy against Arizona, completing 36 of 46 passes and buying time on a handful of plays with his athleticism in the pocket.

Chase set a single-game franchise record with 15 receptions, and he made tough catches in traffic by repeatedly finding seams in the Cardinals defense.

Cincinnati scored a touchdown in the first half for the first time this season and had three offensive touchdowns, matching its total from the first four games.

The Bengals got the ball to start the second half and wasted little time scoring. Burrow unleashed a 63-yard touchdown pass to Chase on the third play of the third quarter.

CINCINNATI	10	7	7	10	—34
ARIZONA	0	14	6	0	—20

FIRST QUARTER
Cincinnati: Chase 2 pass from Burrow (McPherson kick), 7:09.
Cincinnati: FG McPherson 40, 1:46.

SECOND QUARTER
Arizona: M.Brown 25 pass from Dobbs (Prater kick), 12:25.
Arizona: Ertz 4 pass from Dobbs (Prater kick), 8:28.
Cincinnati: Taylor-Britt 11 interception return (McPherson kick), 1:23.

THIRD QUARTER
Cincinnati: Chase 63 pass from Burrow (McPherson kick), 13:39.
Arizona: Demercado 11 run (kick failed), 7:33.

FOURTH QUARTER
Cincinnati: Chase 3 pass from Burrow (McPherson kick), 7:48.
Cincinnati: FG McPherson 40, 6:33.
Attendance: 62,651.

	CIN	ARI
First Downs	27	15
Total Net Yards	380	294
Rushes-Yards	30-93	22-142
Passing	287	152
Punt Returns	4-68	2-22
Kickoff Returns	0-0	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	2-11	1-2
Comp-Att-Int	36-46-1	15-32-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-30	3-14
Punts	3-48.333	4-54.75
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-40	2-16
Time Of Possession	38:10	21:50

PASSING
Cincinnati: Burrow 36-46-1-317.
Arizona: Dobbs 15-32-2-166.

RUSHING
Cincinnati: Mixon 25-81, Burrow 4-7, T.Williams 1-5.
Arizona: Moore 3-50, Conner 6-46, Demercado 10-45, Dobbs 3-1.

RECEIVING
Cincinnati: Chase 15-192, Irwin 8-60, Boyd 6-39, Mixon 4-13, Iosivas 1-9, C.Brown 1-2, Lassiter 1-2.
Arizona: Brown 4-61, Moore 3-26, Swaim 2-22, McBride 2-17, Ertz 2-10, Mi.Wilson 1-18, Demercado 1-12.

MISSED FIELD GOALS
None.

Chiefs 27, Vikings 20

Patrick Mahomes threw two touchdown passes in the third quarter, one to Travis Kelce after the all-pro tight end briefly left the game with an ankle injury.

Mahomes went 31 for 41 for 281 yards and no turnovers in his most efficient performance of the season for the defending Super Bowl champion Chiefs, who again won while not at their best.

Kirk Cousins threw for scores to Jordan Addison and Alexander Mattison for the Vikings. They had two chances at the tying touchdown in the final five minutes, but a late hamstring injury to star wide receiver Justin Jefferson and a lack of timeouts from earlier mismanagement of the game were ultimately too much to overcome.

Mahomes hit Justin Watson with a 33-yard heave on third and 18 from his own 17 to extend the Chiefs' first possession of the second half. The two-time MVP finished that drive with a tiebreaking eight-yard scoring toss to Rashee Rice.

KANSAS CITY	7	6	14	0	—27
MINNESOTA	3	10	0	7	—20

FIRST QUARTER
Kansas City: Pacheco 1 run (Butker kick), 10:00.
Minnesota: FG Joseph 40, 4:02.

SECOND QUARTER
Kansas City: FG Butker 38, 12:46.
Minnesota: FG Joseph 29, 8:02.
Minnesota: Addison 5 pass from Cousins (Joseph kick), 1:39.
Kansas City: FG Butker 40, :00.

THIRD QUARTER
Kansas City: Rice 8 pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 10:10.
Kansas City: Kelce 4 pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 2:45.

FOURTH QUARTER
Minnesota: Mattison 9 pass from Cousins (Joseph kick), 12:11.
Attendance: 67,003.

	KC	MIN
First Downs	21	24
Total Net Yards	334	329
Rushes-Yards	21-68	18-70
Passing	266	259
Punt Returns	1-8	1-3
Kickoff Returns	1-20	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	31-41-0	29-47-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-15	3-25
Punts	3-46.667	1-54.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	10-86	4-51
Time Of Possession	31:59	28:01

PASSING
Kansas City: Mahomes 31-41-0-281.
Minnesota: Cousins 29-47-0-284.

RUSHING
Kansas City: Pacheco 16-56, McKinnon 1-7, Edwards-Helaire 3-4, Toney 1-1.
Minnesota: Mattison 8-26, Chandler 1-15, Akers 5-15, Powell 1-9, Cousins 3-5.

RECEIVING
Kansas City: Kelce 10-67, Toney 5-26, Rice 4-33, Ju.Watson 2-56, Ross 2-28, Gray 2-21, McKinnon 2-18, Moore 2-11, Valdes-Scantling 1-12, Pacheco 1-9.
Minnesota: Addison 6-64, Hockenson 5-51, Osborn 5-49, Powell 4-43, Jefferson 3-28, Mattison 2-20, Akers 2-3, Oliver 1-15, Mundt 1-11.

MISSED FIELD GOALS
None.

NFL WEEK 5

Purdy continues to thrive as San Francisco throttles Dallas

49ERS 42, COWBOYS 10

BY JOSH DUBOW

SANTA CLARA, CALIF. — Brock Purdy threw three of his four touchdown passes to George Kittle, and the San Francisco 49ers extended their dominance over the Dallas Cowboys with a 42-10 victory Sunday night.

The 49ers (5-0) knocked the Cowboys out of the playoffs in tight games the past two seasons, adding intrigue to this early season matchup between perceived contenders.

The rematch wasn't even close.

The 49ers led 14-0 before the Cowboys got their initial first down of the night and were never really threatened on the way to matching a franchise record with their 15th straight regular season win and earning their fifth 5-0 start.

Purdy calmly picked apart the league's stingiest defense to improve to 10-0 as a starter in the NFL, and San Francisco's defense made life difficult on Dak Prescott all night.

"The defense does their job, so it makes life easy for me," Purdy said.

Prescott was sacked three times and heaved an interception into double coverage after Dallas fell behind 28-10 in the third quarter. He threw two more interceptions in the fourth quarter, with his only highlight coming on a 26-yard touchdown pass to KaVontae Turpin in the second quarter.

"It was such a great night for the whole defense, the whole team," said linebacker Fred Warner, who had a sack, an interception and a forced fumble. "It was so fun out here today."

It was Dallas's most lopsided defeat since a 49-17 loss to New Orleans in 2013.

Purdy again was nearly mistake free. A week after throwing only one incomplete pass in a win over Arizona, he repeatedly found openings downfield to Brandon Aiyuk, Deebo Samuel and especially Kittle.

Purdy finished 17 for 24 for 252 yards and has not thrown an interception all season. He connected on a 19-yard touchdown pass to Kittle on the opening drive, a 38-yarder early in the second quarter on a reverse flea-flicker and then a 10-yarder to put the game away in the third quarter.

Kittle became the first 49ers player with three touchdown catches in a game since Vernon Davis in 2009.

Purdy added a one-yard touchdown pass to Kyle Juszczyk in the fourth quarter.

The 49ers took the opening kick and drove 75 yards in seven plays to score on a 19-yard pass from Purdy to Kittle to take the lead. San Francisco has four touchdowns and one field goal on the opening drive this season for a league-leading 31 points.

The 49ers were just as tough on defense early, holding Dallas to six yards in the first quarter and no first downs for more than 17 minutes.

Christian McCaffrey scored on a one-yard run in the second quarter after losing a fumble near the goal line earlier in the game. It was the 14th straight game he has scored a touchdown in the regular season or playoffs. The only players with longer streaks are Lenny Moore (17 games), O.J. Simpson (15) and John Riggins (15).

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Brock Purdy threw four touchdown passes and made easy work of the Cowboys' defense Sunday. The 49ers are 10-0 in the regular season with Purdy as the quarterback.

Jets 31, Broncos 21

New York celebrated Nathaniel Hackett's return to Denver by rallying to a win behind Breece Hall's 72-yard touchdown run and Bryce Hall's 39-yard game-sealing scoop-and-score off Russell Wilson's fumble in the final minute.

That gave Hackett, the Jets' offensive coordinator who was fired after going 4-11 as Denver's head coach last season, a measure of satisfaction. Especially after new Broncos coach Sean Payton trashed him during training camp for the job he did in Denver, particularly the way he handled Wilson during the quarterback's dismal 2022 season.

The Jets overcame a sloppy, chippy first half to snap a three-game skid and hand the Broncos their third home loss under Payton, who drew widespread criticism for excoriating Hackett in an interview with USA Today in July.

After the game, the Jets took their own swipe at Payton in a post on X: "when you lose to the 'offseason champs' " — including a photo of comedian Kevin James, who portrayed Payton in a movie.

N.Y. JETS	5	3	10	13	—31
DENVER	7	6	0	8	—21

FIRST QUARTER
N.Y. Jets: FG Zuerlein 30, 11:19.
Denver: McLaughlin 22 pass from R.Wilson (Lutz kick), 7:34.
N.Y. Jets: safety, 4:17.

SECOND QUARTER
Denver: FG Lutz 23, 12:47.
N.Y. Jets: FG Zuerlein 26, 6:41.
Denver: FG Lutz 22, 1:48.

THIRD QUARTER
N.Y. Jets: Bre.Hall 72 run (Zuerlein kick), 13:29.
N.Y. Jets: FG Zuerlein 27, 5:16.

FOURTH QUARTER
N.Y. Jets: FG Zuerlein 22, 12:19.
N.Y. Jets: FG Zuerlein 49, 7:27.
Denver: Trautman 3 pass from R.Wilson (Burton run), 4:44.
N.Y. Jets: Bry.Hall 39 fumble return (Zuerlein kick), :29.
Attendance: 76,387.

	NYJ	DEN
First Downs	18	18
Total Net Yards	407	308
Rushes-Yards	32-234	22-139
Passing	173	169
Punt Returns	2-14	1-0
Kickoff Returns	1-20	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	19-26-1	20-31-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-26	4-27
Punts	3-52.0	4-45.25
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	4-3
Penalties-Yards	9-71	4-31
Time Of Possession	34:36	25:24

PASSING
N.Y. Jets: Z.Wilson 19-26-1-199.
Denver: Wilson 20-31-0-196.

RUSHING
N.Y. Jets: Bre.Hall 22-177, Z.Wilson 3-26, Cook 6-23, Carter 1-8.
Denver: McLaughlin 9-68, Wilson 7-49, Perine 6-22.

RECEIVING
N.Y. Jets: Conklin 4-67, G.Wilson 3-54, Lazard 3-33, Bre.Hall 3-17, Carter 3-14, Uzomah 2-12, Ruckert 1-2.
Denver: Jeudy 6-50, Perine 4-73, Trautman 4-26, McLaughlin 3-21, Sutton 1-13, Johnson 1-9, Mims 1-4.

MISSED FIELD GOALS
None.

Jaguars 25, Bills 20

JACKSONVILLE	11	0	0	14	—25
BUFFALO	0	7	0	13	—20

FIRST QUARTER
Jacksonville: Z.Jones 6 pass from Lawrence (Etienne run), 6:59.
Jacksonville: FG McManus 44, 1:13.

SECOND QUARTER
Buffalo: Diggs 15 pass from J.Allen (Bass kick), 1:14.

FOURTH QUARTER
Jacksonville: Etienne 6 run (McManus kick), 7:44.
Buffalo: Davis 19 pass from J.Allen (pass failed), 4:03.
Jacksonville: Etienne 35 run (McManus kick), 2:56.
Buffalo: J.Allen 3 run (Bass kick), 2:11.

	JAC	BUF
First Downs	29	18
Total Net Yards	474	388
Rushes-Yards	40-196	14-29
Passing	278	359
Punt Returns	2-5	2-9
Kickoff Returns	1-10	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	25-37-0	27-40-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-37	0-0
Punts	5-49.4	6-43.0
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	8-56	11-109
Time Of Possession	38:12	21:48

PASSING
Jacksonville: Lawrence 25-37-0-315.
Buffalo: J.Allen 27-40-1-359.

RUSHING
Jacksonville: Etienne 26-136, Lawrence 7-31, Ridley 2-14, Bigsby 3-8, Kirk 1-6, Agnew 1-1.
Buffalo: J.Allen 4-14, Harris 3-13, Murray 2-6, Cook 5-(minus 4).

RECEIVING
Jacksonville: Ridley 7-122, Kirk 6-78, Etienne 4-48, Engram 4-28, Z.Jones 3-23, Farrell 1-16.
Buffalo: Diggs 8-121, Davis 6-100, Cook 3-25, Knox 3-17, Harty 2-62, Kincaid 2-19, Shakir 1-11, Sherfield 1-3, Murray 1-1.

MISSED FIELD GOALS
None.

Falcons 21, Texans 19

HOUSTON	3	6	3	7	—19
ATLANTA	7	0	0	14	—21

FIRST QUARTER
Houston: FG Fairbairn 38, 10:38.
Atlanta: Ridder 7 run (Koo kick), 6:48.

SECOND QUARTER
Houston: FG Fairbairn 43, 14:10.
Houston: FG Fairbairn 28, :03.

THIRD QUARTER
Houston: FG Fairbairn 42, 9:35.

FOURTH QUARTER
Atlanta: Robinson 6 pass from Ridder (Allgeier pass from Ridder), 12:12.
Atlanta: FG Koo 32, 6:57.
Houston: Schultz 18 pass from Stroud (Fairbairn kick), 1:49.
Atlanta: FG Koo 37, :00.
Attendance: 69,461.

	HOU	ATL
First Downs	17	26
Total Net Yards	313	447
Rushes-Yards	23-64	36-96
Passing	249	351
Punt Returns	2-19	1-10
Kickoff Returns	0-0	2-35
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	20-35-0	29-38-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	0-0
Punts	6-39.0	5-40.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	5-25	7-55
Time Of Possession	24:28	35:32

PASSING
Houston: Stroud 20-35-0-249.
Atlanta: Ridder 28-37-0-329, D.London 1-1-0-22.

RUSHING
Houston: Pierce 20-66, Stroud 1-2, Dell 2-(minus 4).
Atlanta: Robinson 14-46, Allgeier 17-40, Ridder 4-10, Hodge 1-0.

RECEIVING
Houston: Schultz 7-65, Dell 3-57, N.Collins 3-39, Woods 3-30, Metchie 2-20, Quitoriano 1-22, Pierce 1-16.
Atlanta: Pitts 7-87, D.London 6-78, J.Smith 6-67, Hollins 2-29, Robinson 2-12, Miller 2-10, K.Smith 1-28, Pruitt 1-22, Hodge 1-11, Patterson 1-7.

MISSED FIELD GOALS
None.

Steelers 17, Ravens 10

BALTIMORE	7	3	0	0	—10
PITTSBURGH	0	3	0	14	—17

FIRST QUARTER
Baltimore: Hill 14 run (Tucker kick), 6:15.

SECOND QUARTER
Baltimore: FG Tucker 23, 12:23.
Pittsburgh: FG Boswell 43, 3:16.

FOURTH QUARTER
Pittsburgh: safety, 11:12.
Pittsburgh: FG Boswell 25, 7:10.
Pittsburgh: Pickens 41 pass from Pickett (pass failed), 1:17.
Pittsburgh: FG Boswell 42, :49.
Attendance: 67,272.

	BAL	PIT
First Downs	19	17
Total Net Yards	335	289
Rushes-Yards	25-125	30-87
Passing	210	202
Punt Returns	2-13	1-8
Kickoff Returns	0-0	2-43
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	22-38-1	18-32-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-26	3-22
Punts	5-30.8	6-42.833
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	2-20	3-30
Time Of Possession	30:14	29:46

PASSING
Baltimore: Jackson 22-38-1-236.
Pittsburgh: Pickett 18-32-0-224.

RUSHING
Baltimore: Edwards 12-48, Jackson 6-45, Hill 7-32.
Pittsburgh: Warren 9-40, Harris 14-37, Pickens 1-16, Pickett 6-(minus 6).

RECEIVING
Baltimore: Andrews 6-65, Flowers 5-73, Agholor 4-64, Hill 4-13, Beckham 2-13, Bateman 1-8.
Pittsburgh: Pickens 6-130, A.Robinson 5-29, Warren 3-39, Co.Heyward 3-23, Harris 1-3.

MISSED FIELD GOALS
None.

Eagles 23, Rams 14

PHILADELPHIA	7	10	0	6	—23
L.A. RAMS	7	7	0	0	—14

FIRST QUARTER
Philadelphia: Goedert 6 pass from Hurts (Elliott kick), 8:37.
LA Rams: Atwell 3 pass from Stafford (Maher kick), 2:01.

SECOND QUARTER
Philadelphia: FG Elliott 34, 2:15.
LA Rams: Nacua 22 pass from Stafford (Maher kick), :32.
Philadelphia: Hurts 1 run (Elliott kick), :00.

FOURTH QUARTER
Philadelphia: FG Elliott 26, 12:29.
Philadelphia: FG Elliott 26, 4:06.
Attendance: 74,935.

	PHI	LAR
First Downs	28	17
Total Net Yards	454	249
Rushes-Yards	39-159	14-54
Passing	295	195
Punt Returns	2-35	0-0
Kickoff Returns	0-0	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	25-38-1	21-37-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	4-27
Punts	1-41.0	4-53.75
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-35	5-48
Time Of Possession	37:55	22:05

PASSING
Philadelphia: Hurts 25-38-1-303.
L.A. Rams: Stafford 21-37-0-222.

RUSHING
Philadelphia: Hurts 15-72, Swift 17-70, Gainwell 7-17.
L.A. Rams: K.Williams 13-53, Rivers 1-1.

RECEIVING
Philadelphia: Goedert 8-117, A.Brown 6-127, Swift 6-38, Watkins 2-4, Gainwell 1-7, D.Smith 1-6, Stoll 1-4.
L.A. Rams: Kupp 8-118, Nacua 7-71, Higbee 2-20, Atwell 2-9, K.Williams 2-4.

MISSED FIELD GOALS
None.

49ers 42, Cowboys 10

DALLAS	0	7	3	0	—10
SAN FRANCISCO	7	14	7	14	—42

FIRST QUARTER
San Francisco: Kittle 19 pass from Purdy (Moody kick), 11:10.

SECOND QUARTER
San Francisco: Kittle 38 pass from Purdy (Moody kick), 13:16.
Dallas: Turpin 26 pass from Prescott (Aubrey kick), 7:45.
San Francisco: McCaffrey 1 run (Moody kick), 2:36.

THIRD QUARTER
Dallas: FG Aubrey 50, 11:53.
San Francisco: Kittle 10 pass from Purdy (Moody kick), 7:20.

FOURTH QUARTER
San Francisco: Juszczyk 1 pass from Purdy (Moody kick), 14:19.
San Francisco: Mason 26 run (Moody kick), 13:59.
Attendance: 71,617

	DAL	SF
First Downs	8	25
Total Net Yards	197	421
Rushes-Yards	19-57	41-170
Passing	140	251
Punt Returns	1-10	4-39
Kickoff Returns	4-68	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	3-49
Comp-Att-Int	16-26-3	18-25-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-21	1-2
Punts	5-50.8	4-46.75
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-60	6-45
Time Of Possession	22:55	37:05

PASSING
Dallas: Prescott 14-24-3-153, Rush 2-2-0-8.
San Francisco: Purdy 17-24-0-252, Darnold 1-1-0-1.

RUSHING
Dallas: Pollard 8-29, Dowdle 5-15, Vaughn 3-7, Cooks 1-6, Prescott 1-2, Rush 1-(minus 2).
San Francisco: Mason 10-69, McCaffrey 19-51, Samuel 5-30, Davis-Price 6-21, Darnold 1-(minus 1).

RECEIVING
Dallas: Lamb 4-49, Pollard 4-35, Ferguson 3-28, Gallup 2-15, Turpin 1-26, Cooks 1-7, Vaughn 1-1.
San Francisco: Aiyuk 4-58, Juszczyk 4-26, Kittle 3-67, Samuel 3-55, McCaffrey 2-27, Jennings 1-19, McCloud 1-1.

MISSED FIELD GOALS
None.

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NOTES

Vikings' Jefferson exits with a hamstring injury

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Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Justin Jefferson was forced out of the game against the Kansas City Chiefs in the fourth quarter with a right hamstring injury, and the team isn't sure when he will return.

Jefferson slipped on the turf while trying to make a cut on his route on a third-down pass deep in Kansas City territory and limped slowly to the sideline after grabbing the back of his right leg. The Vikings scored a touchdown two plays later but ended up losing, 27-20, to fall to 1-4 this season.

"Still very early," Coach Kevin O'Connell said after the game. "See where he's at as we move along here and diagnose exactly what that injury is and what that timeline looks like."

The Vikings play Sunday at the Chicago Bears.

Jefferson was announced as questionable to return, but he watched the remainder of the game from the sideline with a towel draped over his head. The all-pro, who led the NFL in receptions and yards last season, has never missed a game in his career.

• **BILLS:** Starting linebacker Matt Milano left early with a knee injury that is "not looking good," Coach Sean McDermott said. That's after the team lost starting cornerback Tre'Davious White last week to a season-ending Achilles' injury.

McDermott is not optimistic about DaQuan Jones, either. The defensive end injured a pectoral muscle.

And McDermott is definitely not pleased with the scenario of arriving in London on Friday to play a Jaguars team that had already been in the British capital for a week.

"We'll see if, whatever comes up down the road in terms of us coming back here, but we need to evaluate everything because I didn't feel like our energy was good enough early in the game. They had better energy than we did," McDermott said.

• **COLTS:** Indianapolis isn't sure how much time, if any, rookie quarterback Anthony Richardson might miss after leaving in the first half of Sunday's 23-16 victory over the Titans with a right shoulder injury.

Coach Shane Steichen said he didn't know the extent of the injury immediately following the game. Richardson didn't speak with reporters and was expected to undergo further evaluation Sunday night.

The rookie was injured on a four-yard run with 4:29 left in the first half when he fell awkwardly to the ground with two Tennessee players draped around him. Richardson stayed down for several minutes before walking slowly to the injury tent, his shoulder noticeably drooping to the right side. After several more minutes in the injury tent, he headed to the locker room with the team's medical staff.

It's the third time this season Richardson has been unable to finish a game he started.

"I think when you have a dynamic player like him, and, obviously, one of his skill sets is as a runner. That's what makes him really good," Steichen said. "The designed run that he got hurt on, we ran something similar last week that he popped for a big one, and then, obviously, this week, he got the shoulder on that play. So that's stuff you've got to look at."

• **PANTHERS:** Guard Chandler Zavala was released from a hospital and traveled home with the team after being carted off the field with a neck injury late in the first quarter against the Lions.

The rookie was injured on a running play, and the medical staff took time to secure his neck with a brace. He was placed on a backboard and onto the back of a cart. Zavala was taken to a hospital, where he was alert and able to move all extremities.

"We think it was a bad stinger, but our medical staff is always going to take every precaution to protect our players," Panthers Coach Frank Reich said after Detroit's 42-24 win.

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"Just because you draft a guy in the second or third round doesn't necessarily mean he's an automatic starter," Ron Rivera said.

Commanders get little out of their rookie class

COMMANDERS FROM **D1**

Through Week 4, Washington's rookies, including undrafted wide receiver Mitchell Tinsley, averaged just 10.7 snaps per game on offense and defense. Only four teams played their rookies less. If you take Forbes out of the equation, Washington's rookies combined for just 13 offensive and defensive snaps. Sixth-round running back Chris Rodriguez Jr. played four; Tinsley, defensive end Andre Jones Jr. (seventh round) and interior offensive lineman Ricky Stromberg (third round) played three apiece.

Tackle Braeden Daniels, a fourth-round pick, is on injured reserve and won't play this season, and fifth-round defensive end KJ Henry has been limited to 13 snaps on special teams. Second-round pick Quan Martin, a versatile safety/nickelback whom the team hoped would add depth and become a rotational piece in the secondary, hasn't played a snap on defense.

More confounding: Rivera's explanation, which seems to stray from his belief a year ago.

"Just because you draft a guy in the second or third round doesn't necessarily mean he's an automatic starter," he said last week. "When I came into the league, guys that were drafted in the second [or] third round weren't expected to play right away."

So what gives with the Class of 2023? At this point, it's fair to question whether the personnel — not just the rookies but also the Commanders' veteran acquisitions this year — fit what the team is trying to accomplish. After the draft, team executives felt confident their free agent signings and draft selections filled needs and afforded them positional flexibility — something they have emphasized, especially in the secondary, where defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio uses multiple players at multiple spots, and on the offensive line, where being able to play two positions is almost a must for reserves.

Martin's versatility intrigued the team enough for it to draft him after taking another defensive back in the first round. Flexibility also was a factor in the selections of Daniels, who played guard and tackle in college and worked at tackle in training camp, and Stromberg, who can play guard and center. But neither has developed enough to fill immediate needs, and both may not make a significant impact for a while. In free agency, the Commanders signed Nick Gates and Andrew Wylie to multiyear deals to play center and tackle, respectively, and their contracts are constructed so that moving on from them, even after this year, could be difficult. (Guard Saahdiq Charles and backup tackle Cornelius Lucas are set to be free agents in March.)

On the defensive side, Washington's rookie ends, Henry and Jones, have the athleticism and "developmental potential," as General Manager Martin Mayhew described it, to succeed at their position. But both are raw and have been almost nonexistent in the defensive line rotation.

Finding reliable help on the edge will become a more pressing issue in a few months because none of the team's veteran ends are under contract in 2024.

The reasons the rookies have played so little are myriad. Their development is perhaps atop the list, but it's not the only explanation. Daniels injured his rotator cuff in the preseason, Rodriguez missed the past two games because of an illness, and Martin suffered a concussion in the season opener. He was out for the Commanders' win in Denver and, according to Rivera, needed time to work back into playing shape. But he has yet to be part of the defensive back rotation, even amid the team's recent struggles. When Forbes was benched Thursday, Danny Johnson took over at cornerback, and the team used more five-man fronts.

On the flip side, Washington's starters have remained fairly healthy, unlike in past years, when injuries created opportunities for young players.

"You do want to play these guys, and that's why you took them," Rivera said. "But when somebody's playing, you're not going to make changes to make changes or just say, 'Oh, yeah, well, we drafted him, [so] we got to play him.' They got to earn the right to get on the field, too. They got to beat out whoever's in that position."

That's why Rivera continues to stress special teams, where Martin has played 77 snaps, Henry 13 and Jones almost all of his 121. The path from special teams to defense is well-worn in Washington, with players such as Butler and Darrick Forrest receiving more time on defense after spending much of their rookie seasons on special teams.

"That's when they get your attention — especially defensive backs, linebackers, defensive ends," Rivera said. "If they perform on special teams and at a high level, you know that kid's going to make an impact. . . . I think this is all part of the growth and development of guys."

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Correa helps Minnesota cruise by his former team

TWINS 6, ASTROS 2

BY KRISTIE RIEKEN

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Carlos Correa totaled three hits and three RBI as the Twins evened the series with the Astros at 1-1.

HOUSTON — Carlos Correa had three hits and three RBI and Pablo López pitched seven scoreless innings, helping the Minnesota Twins beat the Houston Astros, 6-2, on Sunday night in Game 2 of their American League Division Series.

Kyle Farmer hit a two-run homer for the Twins, who bounced back nicely after losing, 6-4, in the series opener Saturday night.

Game 3 of the best-of-five series is at Minnesota on Tuesday.

Correa, an October star for so many years in Houston, has returned to the postseason with a vengeance after lamenting how much he missed the playoffs when Minnesota stumbled last year in his first season with the Twins.

Correa hit an RBI double in the first inning in Game 2. He added a two-run single to center in the fifth, lifting the Twins to a 5-0 lead. He also robbed Jeremy Peña of a hit with a terrific defensive play for the final out.

Correa has eight hits and four RBI in four games this postseason, helping lead the Twins to three playoff wins.

López pitched a gem after leading the Twins to the victory in Game 1 of the first-round series against Toronto. He yielded six hits and struck out seven Sunday night while lowering his ERA to 0.71 this postseason.

He kept the Astros off balance with a fastball that averaged 95.9 mph, slightly up from his season average.

Yordan Alvarez, who homered twice in Houston's win in Game 1, cut the lead to 6-2 with a two-run shot in the eighth inning. But Jhoan Duran pitched a perfect ninth for Minnesota.

The Astros had to hold off a Twins rally in the series opener, but they played from behind throughout Game 2.

Willi Castro hit a leadoff single in the second for the Twins, and Farmer followed with a 377-foot drive to left-center against Framber Valdez. The homer was Farmer's first postseason hit after going 0 for 10 in eight career games.

Valdez departed after Correa's clutch swing in the fifth. He was charged with five runs and seven hits in $4\frac{1}{3}$ innings.

Correa's two-run single gave him 63 career RBI in the playoffs, tying him with David Justice for third most in major league history.

He celebrated by pounding his chest and shouting, "Let's go," before pointing to his ecstatic dugout.

Correa received a smattering of boos from the home crowd each time he stepped to the plate. It was a stark change from the adoration he long received at Minute Maid Park in seven seasons with the Astros after being selected first overall in the 2012 amateur draft.

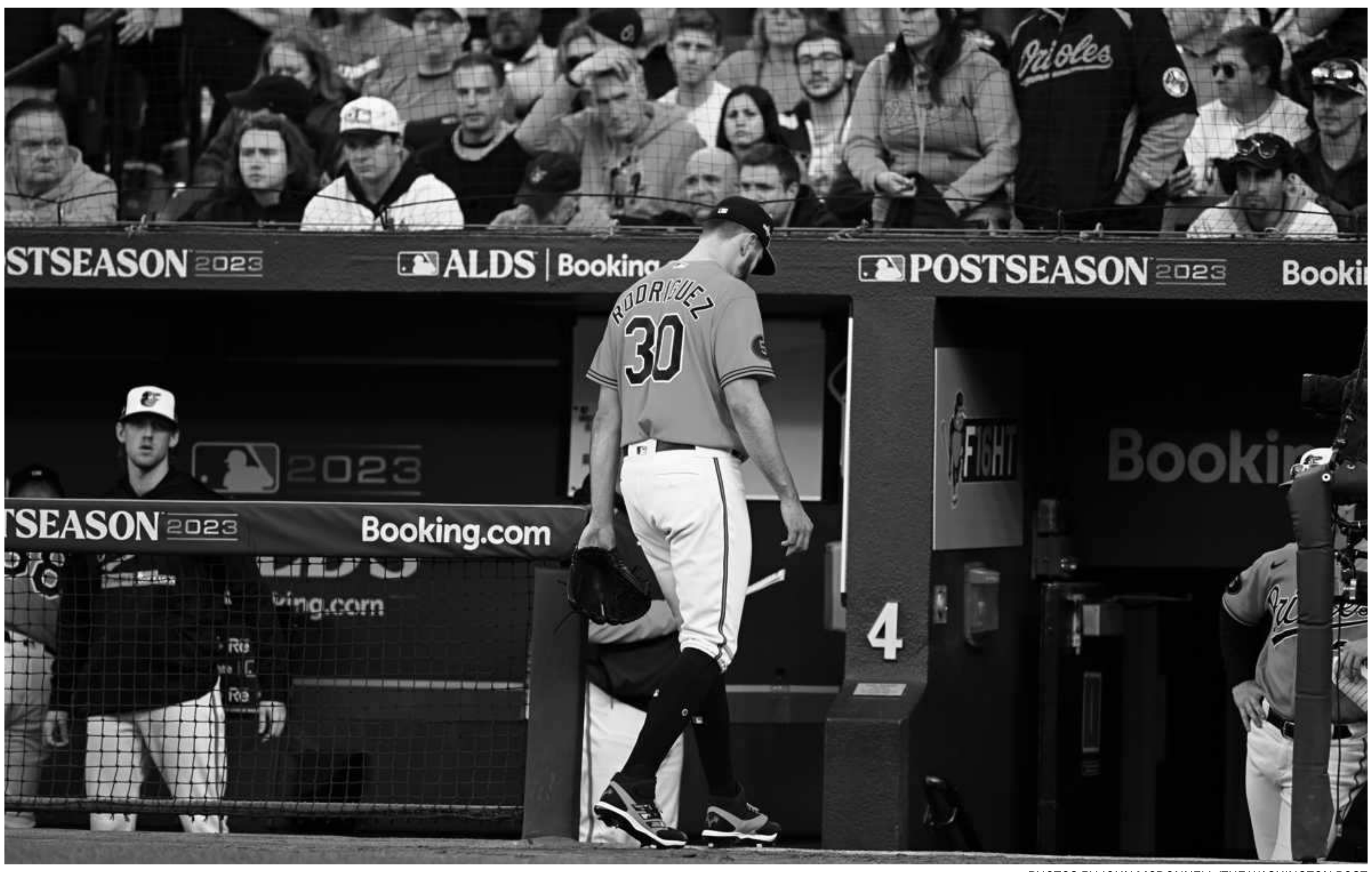
A day after hitting three home runs, the Astros had trouble stringing anything together against López.

Their best chance to score against the right-hander came in the fourth. Kyle Tucker walked with one out and moved to second on a groundout by José Abreu. Michael Brantley lined a single to left field to send Tucker to third, but López struck out Chas McCormick to end the threat.

Edouard Julien drove in a run with a single in the seventh inning to push the lead to 6-0.

The defending champion Astros entered Sunday's game 12-0 at Minute Maid Park in the ALDS since 2017, and the loss is their first at home in the division series since Game 4 in 2015.

— Associated Press



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Grayson Rodriguez, who had the AL's second-lowest ERA in the second half, was tagged for five runs in $1\frac{2}{3}$ innings in his postseason debut.

Orioles drop Game 2, fall into a 2-0 hole

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postseason home run while sporting a black eye suffered on a slide. They saw Mateo, the guy whose playing time Henderson cut into, jump into his first postseason lineup with a 4-for-4 showing and two doubles. And they saw Aaron Hicks deliver a three-run homer in the ninth inning to get them within striking distance. For these Orioles, adversity is relative.

"Even when we were down 9-2, we kept fighting and brought it back pretty close," Henderson said. "Just goes to show you that no matter what the situation is, we're going to keep fighting. Never count us out."

Speaking of adversity being relative, Rodriguez admitted Saturday that he had never experienced much of it at all before this season, when he pitched to a 7.35 ERA and allowed 13 homers in $45\frac{1}{3}$ innings after debuting in April. The Orioles sent him to Class AAA Norfolk with specific instructions.

"He could out-stuff people in the minor leagues," Manager Brandon Hyde said. "It was really about fastball command and command of off-speed pitches, because his stuff was so good. He went down, worked on that. He came back . . . with real determination."

The kid returned an ace. He was second among AL qualifiers with a 2.58 ERA during the season's second half. After opponents had an OPS of .956 against him in his first 10 starts, Rodriguez held them to a .590 OPS in his last 13.

A grand slam by Mitch Garver in the third inning gave the Rangers a 9-2 lead, which was too much for the Orioles to overcome Sunday.

But Sunday was different.

Rodriguez got into trouble right away: He allowed a single to leadoff man Marcus Semien and walked Corey Seager. With two outs, he walked Evan Carter to load the bases; ball four should have been called strike three. But he escaped without damage and seemed to be steadying himself. The Orioles even gave him a two-run lead when Hicks, who missed a pivotal sign in the ninth inning of Saturday's Game 1, poked a hit through the right side with the bases loaded. It was resilience, of a kind.

The thing about resilience, though, is that most teams still playing on Oct. 8 have plenty of it. The Rangers lost eight in a row in late August, dropped seven of eight not long after that, watched their lead in the AL West dissipate, then recovered to secure a wild-card spot that they used to sweep away the Tampa Bay Rays.

So they were not exactly demoralized by trailing early. And it took a mere half-inning for them to respond by pummeling Rodriguez, who could not navigate the barrage. By the time the Orioles could get someone ready to replace him, Rodriguez had allowed five runs on six hits and four walks while getting just five outs. He threw 75 percent fastballs, a huge jump from his regular season average of 49.6 percent, in what he described as an attempt to get early contact from a patient lineup. But the command he found this summer did not materialize in the first postseason outing of his major league career.

"Really struggled to get into a groove," he said. "Obviously spraying fastballs and not being able to have that in the zone consistently wasn't working for me."

Bryan Baker took over to eat innings in the third, but he walked three straight Rangers with one out. When Jacob Webb entered, he surrendered a grand slam to Mitch Garver, putting the Orioles down by seven. Baltimore ended up walking 11. Seager became the first player to walk five times in a postseason game. Even the Orioles, who orchestrated more comeback wins (48) than anyone else in the AL, could not climb back from that.

"We had a tough night," outfielder Austin Hays said. "That's unfortunate that it was tonight, but it happens."

The question now is whether the Orioles can climb back. They will head to Texas to face postseason stalwart Nathan Eovaldi on Tuesday in front of a hostile crowd. They will do so without the man they planned to start Game 3, left-hander John Means, who was left off the division series roster with elbow soreness. And they will do it all knowing they have not been swept since star catcher Adley Rutschman debuted in May 2022. This would be an inopportune time to end that streak.

Aces rise to the top in a Game 1 loaded with stars

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award this season, and five-time all-star Courtney Vandersloot. Aces guard Kelsey Plum called this Finals matchup "inevitable."

All of that made Michelob Ultra Arena the place to be seen Sunday. LeBron James and Tom Brady, who recently bought a stake in the Aces, sat courtside. Actor Mark Wahlberg and singer-songwriter Kehlani were in the building. Jordin Sparks handled the national anthem, and Ashanti performed at halftime. Hall of Famer Sheryl Swoopes was present, too.

Sunday's opening 20 minutes were what anyone — famous or not — would have hoped for: a high-energy, back-and-forth affair with both teams hitting shots and putting together runs but never taking complete control. Neither team led by more than eight points in the first half. Any worries about a slow start after a lengthy layoff — the Aces last played Sept. 29, the Liberty on Oct. 1 — were quickly erased.

Then the Aces came out of halftime throwing haymakers to improve to 6-0 in the postseason.

"In the second half, the ball stopped and got stuck a little bit," Stewart said, "and that made it easier for them to kind of crowd the paint on [Jones] or myself."

Game 2 of the best-of-five series is 9 p.m. on Wednesday, also in Las Vegas.

Young and Wilson combined for 21 of the Aces' 26 points in the third quarter, and the Las Vegas defense picked up the intensity. The quarter ended with a Young blow-by of Vandersloot before she got to the rim and double-pumped as Vandersloot slapped her arms. She banked in the runner for an and-one while Chelsea Gray shouted at her teammate, bouncing up and down before slapping her hand. Young's free throw gave the Aces a 72-65 lead — their biggest to that point — heading into the fourth.

"[Hammon has] believed in me since she got here last year, and she just has a lot of confidence in me," Young said. "I know my teammates do, coaches do. And so that gives me confidence to just be able to go out there and play my game. Just be aggressive from the beginning, hit open shots. Just take what the defense gives me. But I think the biggest thing is just being confident."

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The Aces' Kelsey Plum (26 points) drives to the basket in the second half, during which Las Vegas outscored New York 53-33 to pull away.

That was the beginning of the end for the Liberty. Young's three-point play started a 23-6 run that had the building rocking.

"Jackie was my rookie — she's my baby sister that I never wanted, but I love her to death," Wilson said with a laugh. "And I'm going to make sure that I am pulling that confidence out of her. Jackie's a little shy; she kind of likes to beat around bushes, but I'm like: 'Absolutely not. That's not you. I know you have it in you' — and I love pulling that out of her.

"People raised an eyebrow at us when we drafted her number one. I was like, 'You need to prove every single night that you are the number one draft pick — every single night.' . . . That's who we need every single night."

Young, Wilson (19 points, eight rebounds), Plum (26 points) and Gray (20 points, nine assists, six rebounds) combined for 91 points, the most by a quartet in WNBA Finals history. Las Vegas outscored New York 53-33 in the second half while shooting 54.7 percent for the game.

"Our trio of guards I thought were pretty ridiculous overall," Hammon said.

Stewart finished with 21 points and nine rebounds. Jones added 16 points and 10 rebounds — for her seventh double-double of the playoffs, the most in a single WNBA postseason — and Marine Johannès had 14 points off the bench. The Liberty's guards were outscored 72-31; all-star Sabrina Ionescu was held to seven.

"Our guards, they just had a little bit of a tough night," New York Coach Sandy Brondello said. "That's not going to happen two games in a row. We believe in them. They've carried us all season long. We'll still put the ball in their hands, and we want them to be confident and do what they do. . . . They're going to be fine. It's a series. They took the first punch, and now we have to have to respond."

Confident, happy Biles leaves worlds with four golds and a silver

BILES FROM D1

major event and that the trouble she had with a mental block at the Tokyo Olympics wouldn't repeat itself. She showed she's as capable of being her best version as her past self.

"I wasn't too worried about medal count or medal color this meet," Biles said Sunday, adding that she had talked about goals with teammate Joscelyn Roberson and her objective was simple. "As long as I get out there, do those routines again, it's a win in my book. It doesn't matter if I end up on the podium or not. That's not something I care about."

Yet as she performed her difficult routines without mistakes, Biles returned to the podium again and again.

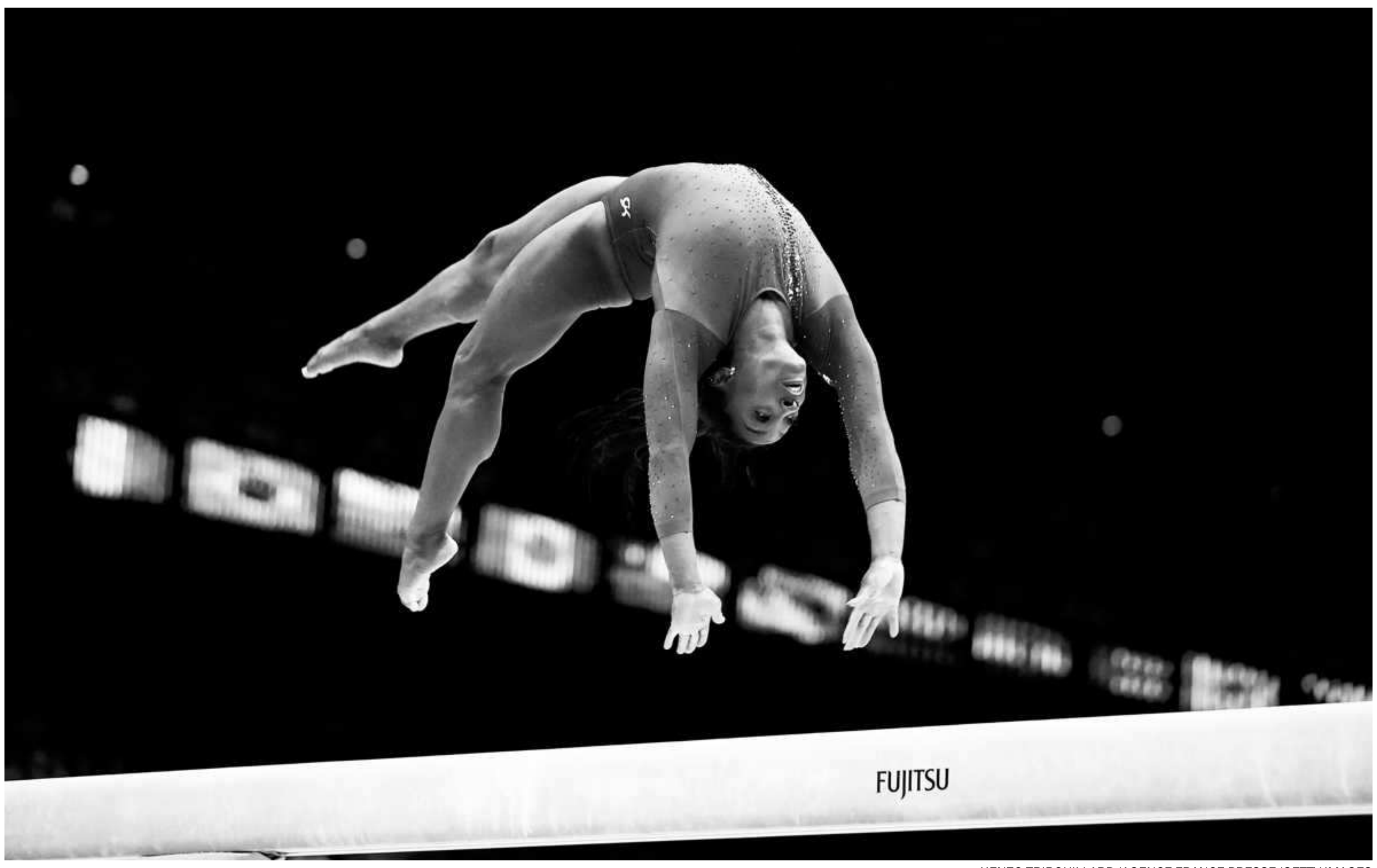
She finished the meet with a floor routine packed with powerful tumbling. She stepped out of bounds on one pass, but her high difficulty score provided the cushion she needed for gold. Rebeca Andrade, Biles's top challenger, had stronger execution but couldn't pass Biles, who scored a 14.633. Andrade (14.500) shared the podium with fellow Brazilian Flavia Saraiva (13.966), a 24-year-old who had never won an individual medal at the world championships.

Andrade continues to compete closely with Biles for gold on several apparatuses, which has required the American to be at her best to land atop the podium. In this final, if Biles had stepped out of bounds with both feet instead of one, she would have finished second.

Before this trip to Belgium, Biles had performed in just two official competitions — the U.S. Classic, where she made her season debut, and then the two-day national championships — since the Tokyo Games. This time, faced with a week-long global event, Biles excelled again. She performed 16 times — four routines on each apparatus — and made just one major mistake. That came on vault with her very difficult Yurchenko double pike; she rolled backward with too much power, a fall that led to her only silver.

"I'm not mad about it at all," Biles said, adding that it's better to have too much power than not enough.

The beam final featured four past world or Olympic champions: Biles (2014, 2015 and 2019), Japan's Urara Ashikawa (2021), Germany's Pauline Schaefer-Betz (2017) and the Netherlands' Sanne Wevers (2016). A pair of newcomers from China, Zhou Yaqin and Zhang Qingying, can be excellent, and Zhou earned a difficulty score in the final that matched Biles's mark.



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Simone Biles gave her best beam performance of the week Sunday in the final, winning by one-tenth of a point over China's Zhou Yaqin.

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Biles, embraced by coach Cecile Landi, won gold on beam for the fourth time in either a world championships or an Olympics.

So Biles needed a strong routine to contend for this gold, and she delivered. Every element was secure. Biles's best beam routine of the world championships finished with a full-twisting double tuck dismount that had only a small hop. With a 14.800, she edged Zhou by one-tenth, meaning even a tiny mistake would have changed the outcome. While Biles had no lapses in balance, Zhou bent slightly at the hips after completing a full-twisting jump, and that error probably cost her the top spot on the podium.

Andrade claimed bronze with a 14.300. American Shilese Jones would have been in medal contention with her best routine, but she fell on her dismount and landed in seventh. Jones had another opportunity to medal on floor and turned in a strong routine, but she finished in fifth.

Another silver for Young

Khoi Young's impressive debut at the world championships ended with another silver medal, this time on vault. He stuck both vaults as the first competitor, and his 14.849 was topped only by Britain's Jake Jarman (15.050). Young, a 20-year-old from Bowie, already had a silver medal on pommel horse and a bronze in the team competition.

It was a breakthrough world championships for the American men, who claimed four medals. The U.S. team previously had won at least four medals at the world championships just once (2013) over the past four decades.

AUTO RACING ROUNDUP

Cup Series elimination race has a spoiler

Associated Press

AJ Allmendinger spoiled NASCAR's playoffs by winning Sunday's elimination race on the Roval at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C., where Allmendinger is fantastic and wasn't going to move over just because he's not in the championship field.

Allmendinger, in the first full season of his Cup return, led 46 laps for Kaulig Racing to win for the first time in NASCAR's top series since Indianapolis in 2021. Allmendinger, who became a father within the past month, was sobbing when he collected the checkered flag.

"Because you don't know when you are going to do it again," the 41-year-old said. He normally gives the checkered flag to a fan but was keeping Sunday's for his newborn son.

"That was probably the drive of my life," he said later.

Allmendinger then went into the stands to pose for selfies with the fans chanting his name. It was the third Cup Series win for Allmendinger, who has raced across 16 Cup seasons but took a break from NASCAR's top series in 2019 and 2020. Kaulig slowly lured him back with five Cup races in 2021, all the way to this year's full season in Kaulig's second year fielding cars at the elite level.

"I hate crying right now, but it's a freaking Cup race, man. You don't know when it's ever going to happen again," Allmendinger said. "This is why you do it. This is the only reason you do it. You fight. All the blood, sweat, tears. It's our second year in the Cup Series."

His win was pivotal in the playoff elimination of Kyle Busch, the two-time series champion who had to win Sunday to advance to the round of eight. Busch gave it a few tries but couldn't get into second place — William Byron finished second — and settled for third.

Also eliminated was Ross Chastain, last year's title runner-up; 2012 champion Brad Keselowski; and Bubba Wallace, whose first playoff appearance ended in the round of 12 on his 30th birthday with 23XI Racing co-owner Michael Jordan watching from Wallace's pit stand.

The remaining eight drivers in the championship race are led by Byron and Ryan Blaney, who both won in the three-race round of 12 to earn automatic berths into the next three races.

Denny Hamlin advanced in a Toyota for Joe Gibbs Racing, as did Tyler Reddick, who drives for Hamlin and Jordan at 23XI Racing. Christopher Bell and Martin Truex Jr., the regular season champion, advanced with Hamlin for Gibbs to get three cars through.

Kyle Larson drove a backup car to a 13th-place finish to join Byron, who has a series-best six wins this season, representing Hendrick Motorsports and Chevrolet in the next round. Larson crashed in Saturday practice, and Hendrick Motorsports, which is located about a mile from the speedway, had to work into the night to get a car through inspection.

Ford has Blaney of Team Penske and Chris Buescher of RFK Racing.

The round of eight of NASCAR's playoffs opens Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Joey Logano is the defending race winner, and Byron scored his first win of the season at Las Vegas in March.

• **FORMULA ONE:** Max Verstappen followed his third Formula One title with yet another race win as he eased to victory in the Qatar Grand Prix.

The Red Bull driver, who clinched the title in Saturday's sprint race, started on the pole and was comfortably ahead of the rest of the field on his way to his 14th Grand Prix win in 2023.

Oscar Piastri and Lando Norris finished second and third in a double podium finish for McLaren.

"I think what made the race was my first stint, and after that I could just manage my pace, making sure that the tires were in a good window," Verstappen said. "But the McLarens were quick again today. I had to push for it. It's definitely a tough race out there."

The two Mercedes of George Russell and Lewis Hamilton started behind Verstappen on the grid but collided at the first corner, ending seven-time champion Hamilton's race. Piastri charged through for second place.

GOLF ROUNDUP

List wins Sanderson in five-way playoff

Associated Press

Luke List won when he least expected it, getting into a five-way playoff Sunday in the Sanderson Farms Championship and ending it quickly with a birdie putt from just inside 45 feet for his second career PGA Tour victory.

The playoff would not have been possible if not for Ben Griffin struggling down the stretch at the Country Club of Jackson, Miss. Griffin missed an eight-foot par putt on the final hole.

That gave a chance to List, Swedish sensation Ludvig Aberg (68), Henrik Norlander (70) and Scott Stallings (70), all of whom returned to the par-4 18th hole alongside Griffin. None looked to have a reasonable birdie chance until List poured in his putt and slammed his fist in celebration.

List closed with a 2-under-par 70 and missed a birdie chance from just inside 10 feet on the final hole, giving away his cap to a fan because he figured that would be the last hole he played.

"It's been a full roller coaster," List said. "I hung in there. I didn't think it was going to be enough, but here we are. It's been a crazy 20 minutes."

Griffin had a birdie putt in the playoff from about 35 feet and slapped his left knee when he realized it was going to miss on the low side. This was his tournament to win, starting with a three-shot lead and still leading by two shots with three holes to play.

Griffin had gone 44 holes without a bogey until making one on No. 8, and it was a wild ride the rest of the way. He closed with a 74 and finished with four others at 18-under 270.

List won for the first time since another playoff victory at Torrey Pines in early 2022. He had not finished in the top 10 since.

• **LPGA TOUR:** Hyo Joo Kim of South Korea started with a five-shot lead and didn't give anyone much of a chance, closing with a 2-under 69 to win the Ascendant by four shots in The Colony, Tex.

It was the second straight week for a wire-to-wire winner on the Tour, following Hae Ran Ryu in the NW Arkansas Championship.

Bianca Pagdanganan of the Philippines closed with a 65 to tie for second with Atthaya Thitikul of Thailand, who also shot a 65.

Lexi Thompson (70) finished six shots behind in fifth place after her final round on the Tour before she tests her game on the PGA Tour in Las Vegas next week.

Thompson and Sarah Kemp of Australia were the closest to Kim going into the final round. Kemp closed with a 69 and finished fourth.

Kim finished at 13-under 271 at Old American Golf Club, earning $270,000 to move past $2 million for the year for the first time in her career. This was her sixth career LPGA victory, to go along with 14 titles on the Korean LPGA.

"My results this year wasn't bad, but there was some disappointment because I didn't have a win," Kim said. "I had a lot of the time to think just for myself. . . . This week I was able to [win], and it was just a really happy week for me."

Pagdanganan made a late charge with a 30 on the back nine to at least have hope. Thitikul birdied five of her last seven holes. But Kim did not buckle over the back nine.

Katherine Muzi closed with a 68 in her Tour debut as a Monday qualifier. She tied for seventh, eight shots behind. She won just over $45,000.

• **PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS:** Brett Quigley recovered from a double bogey with four closing pars for a 1-under 71 and a one-shot victory at the Furyk & Friends event in Jacksonville, Fla.

After the double bogey on the par-3 14th hole, Quigley held on, making a sharp-breaking seven-foot par putt on the final hole to avoid a playoff with Steven Alker.

Quigley won his first PGA Tour Champions title more than three years ago in Morocco, in his second start on the 50-and-older circuit. He had to wait 79 starts for the next victory, finishing at 11-under 205 to earn $315,000.

Alker closed with a 68.

Steve Stricker finished outside the top 10 for the first time this year, carding a 73 to tie for 15th.

• **DP WORLD TOUR:** In St. Andrews, Scotland, heavy rain caused play at the Dunhill Links Championship to be abandoned for second straight day.

The third round was pushed back to Monday and will be the final round. Matt Fitzpatrick holds a one-shot lead.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

MLB playoffs

FIRST ROUND
Best of three

NATIONAL LEAGUE
DIAMONDBACKS ELIMINATED BREWERS, 2-0
Game 1: Arizona 6, at Milwaukee 3
Game 2: Arizona 5, at Milwaukee 2

PHILLIES ELIMINATED MARLINS, 2-0
Game 1: at Philadelphia 4, Miami 1
Game 2: at Philadelphia 7, Miami 1

AMERICAN LEAGUE
RANGERS ELIMINATED RAYS, 2-0
Game 1: Texas 4, at Tampa Bay 0
Game 2: Texas 7, at Tampa Bay 1

TWINS ELIMINATED BLUE JAYS, 2-0
Game 1: at Minnesota 3, Toronto 1
Game 2: at Minnesota 2, Toronto 0

DIVISION SERIES
Best of five; x-If necessary

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PHILLIES LEAD BRAVES, 1-0
Game 1: Philadelphia 3, at Atlanta 0
Monday's game: Philadelphia (Wheeler 13-6) at Atlanta, 6:07 (TBS)
Wednesday's game: Atlanta at Philadelphia (Nola 12-9), 5:07 (TBS)
x-Thursday's game: Atlanta at Philadelphia, 6:07 (TBS)
x-Saturday's game: Philadelphia at Atlanta, 6:07 (TBS)

DIAMONDBACKS LEAD DODGERS, 1-0
Game 1: Arizona 11, at Los Angeles 2
Monday's game: Arizona at Los Angeles, 9:07 (TBS)
Wednesday's game: Los Angeles at Arizona, 9:07 (TBS)
x-Thursday's game: Los Angeles at Arizona, 9:07 (TBS)
x-Saturday's game: Arizona at Los Angeles, 9:20 (TBS)

AMERICAN LEAGUE
RANGERS LEAD ORIOLES, 2-0
Game 1: Texas 3, at Baltimore 2
Game 2: Texas 11, at Baltimore 8
Tuesday's game: Baltimore at Texas, 8:03 (Fox)
x-Wednesday's game: Baltimore at Texas, 7:07 (FS1)
x-Friday's game: Texas at Baltimore, 8:03 (FS1)

ASTROS LEAD TWINS, 2-0
Game 1: at Houston 6, Minnesota 4
Game 2: Minnesota 6, at Houston 2
Tuesday's game: Houston at Minnesota (Gray 8-8), 4:07 (Fox)
x-Wednesday's game: Houston at Minnesota, 2:07 (FS1)
x-Friday's game: Minnesota at Houston, 4:07 (FS1)

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
Best of seven; x-If necessary

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Monday, Oct. 16:
Tuesday, Oct. 17:
Thursday, Oct. 19:
Friday, Oct. 20:
x-Saturday, Oct. 21:
x-Monday, Oct. 23:
x-Tuesday, Oct. 24:

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Sunday, Oct. 15:
Monday, Oct. 16:
Wednesday, Oct. 18:
Thursday, Oct. 19:
x-Friday, Oct. 20:
x-Sunday, Oct. 22:
x-Monday, Oct. 23:

WORLD SERIES
Best of seven; x-If necessary
Friday, Oct. 27:
Saturday, Oct. 28:
Monday, Oct. 30:
Tuesday, Oct. 31:
x-Wednesday, Nov. 1:
x-Friday, Nov. 3:
x-Saturday, Nov. 4:

Rangers 11, Orioles 8

RANGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Semien 2b	5	1	2	1	1	0	.200
Seager ss	1	2	0	0	5	0	.250
Garver dh	6	2	2	5	0	1	.333
García rf	5	0	2	1	0	1	.300
Carter lf	4	0	1	0	1	1	.333
Heim c	5	0	1	1	0	1	.222
Lowe 1b	4	1	0	0	1	2	.125
Jung 3b	4	2	2	0	1	1	.375
Taveras cf	3	3	1	2	2	0	.333
TOTALS	37	11	11	10	11	7	—

ORIOLES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Rutschman c	5	0	1	0	0	0	.125
Mountcastle 1b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.250
Santander dh	5	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Henderson 3b	4	3	2	1	1	2	.375
Hays lf	4	1	3	0	1	1	.429
Hicks rf	5	1	2	5	0	0	.286
Westburg 2b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.200
O'Hearn ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Mullins cf	5	0	0	0	0	2	.000
Mateo ss	4	1	4	1	0	0	1.00
TOTALS	41	8	14	8	2	7	—

TEXAS	054	010	001	—	11	11	1
BALTIMORE	200	210	003	—	8	14	0

E: Seager (1). **LOB:** Texas 10, Baltimore 9. **2B:** Taveras (1), Jung (1), Mateo 2 (2), Hays (1), Westburg (1), Rutschman (1). **HR:** Garver (1), off Webb; Henderson (1), off Montgomery; Hicks (1), off Leclerc. **RBI:** Taveras 2 (2), Garver 5 (5), García (1), Heim (2), Semien (1), Hicks 5 (5), Mateo (1), Mountcastle (2), Henderson (1). **SF:** Mountcastle.

RANGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Montgomery	4	9	5	4	1	2	9.00
Bradford	3⅔	3	0	0	0	4	0.00
Sborz	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Burke	⅓	1	2	2	1	0	54.0
Leclerc	⅔	1	1	1	0	1	5.40

ORIOLES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rodriguez	1⅔	6	5	5	4	2	27.0
Coulombe	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Baker	⅓	0	3	3	3	0	81.0
Webb	1⅔	1	1	1	0	1	9.00
Flaherty	2	2	1	1	3	1	4.50
Wells	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
C.Pérez	1	1	0	0	0	2	0.00
Cano	1	1	1	1	1	0	9.00

WP: Bradford (1-0); **LP:** Rodriguez (0-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Bradford 1-0, Sborz 2-0, Leclerc 2-2, Coulombe 2-0, Webb 3-3. **WP:** Montgomery. **T:** 3:45. **A:** 46,475 (45,971).

Twins 6, Astros 2

TWINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Solano 1b	3	1	1	0	0	0	.333
Kirilloff ph-1b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Polanco 2b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.250
Lewis dh	4	1	1	0	1	3	.222
Correa ss	4	0	3	3	1	1	.625
Jeffers c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.286
Castro lf-3b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.200
Farmer 3b	3	1	1	2	0	1	.333
Julien ph	1	0	1	1	0	0	.400
Stevenson lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Kepler rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.286
Taylor cf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.200
TOTALS	34	6	10	6	4	11	—

ASTROS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Altuve 2b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.375
Bregman 3b	3	1	0	0	1	2	.167
Alvarez lf	4	1	1	2	0	2	.429
Tucker rf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.143
J.Abreu 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.143
Brantley dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.286
McCormick cf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.250
Peña ss	4	0	2	0	0	0	.375
Maldonado c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Diaz ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	33	2	7	2	2	8	—

MINNESOTA	120	020	100	—	6	10	0
HOUSTON	000	000	020	—	2	7	0

LOB: Minnesota 7, Houston 6. **2B:** Correa 2 (3), Peña (1). **HR:** Farmer (1), off Valdez; Alvarez (3), off Stewart.

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
López	7	6	0	0	1	7	0.00
Stewart	1	1	2	2	1	1	18.0
Duran	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

ASTROS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Valdez	4⅓	7	5	5	3	5	10.3
Maton	⅔	0	0	0	1	1	0.00
Stanek	1⅓	2	1	1	0	0	6.75
Montero	1⅔	1	0	0	0	3	0.00
Brown	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00

WP: López (1-0); **LP:** Valdez (0-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Maton 2-0, Montero 2-1. **HBP:** Montero (Jeffers). **WP:** López. **T:** 3:09. **A:** 43,017 (41,000).

Diamondbacks 11, Dodgers 2
Late Saturday

DIAMONDBACKS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Marte 2b	5	1	1	0	0	2	.200
Carroll rf	5	2	2	2	0	1	.400
Pham dh	5	3	4	1	0	0	.800
Walker 1b	3	2	1	1	1	1	.333
Moreno c	5	1	2	3	0	2	.400
Gurriel Jr. lf	5	0	1	1	0	0	.200
Thomas cf	3	2	1	1	2	0	.333
Longoria 3b	4	0	1	2	0	0	.250
Peterson 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Perdomo ss	4	0	0	0	0	3	.000
TOTALS	39	11	13	11	3	9	—

DODGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Betts 2b-rf	3	1	0	0	1	1	.000
Freeman 1b	2	1	0	0	2	0	.000
W.Smith c	4	0	2	2	0	0	.500
Muncy 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Martinez dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.000
Heyward rf-cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.000
Peralta lf	2	0	1	0	0	1	.500
Taylor ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Outman cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Hernández ph-cf-ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Rojas ss	2	0	1	0	0	0	.500
Wong ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	31	2	4	2	4	8	—

ARIZONA	630	000	110	—	11	13	0
L.A.	000	000	020	—	2	4	0

LOB: Arizona 6, Los Angeles 6. **2B:** Marte (1), Walker (1), Longoria (1), Gurriel Jr. (1), Peralta (1). **3B:** W.Smith (1). **HR:** Moreno (1), off Kershaw; Carroll (1), off Sheehan; Thomas (1), off Grove; Pham (1), off Vesia.

DIAMONDBACKS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
M.Kelly	6⅓	3	0	0	2	5	0.00
Mantiply	⅔	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Castro	1	1	2	2	2	1	18.0
Frías	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00

DODGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kershaw	⅓	6	6	6	1	0	162.
Sheehan	3⅔	4	3	3	2	4	7.36
S.Miller	2	1	0	0	0	3	0.00
Grove	1	1	1	1	0	1	9.00
Vesia	1	1	1	1	0	1	9.00
Ferguson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

WP: M.Kelly (1-0); **LP:** Kershaw (0-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Mantiply 1-0, Sheehan 1-0. **HBP:** Sheehan (Walker). **T:** 3:04. **A:** 51,653 (56,000).

TENNIS

ATP/WTA

CHINA OPEN
At National Tennis Center; in Beijing
Purse: $3,633,875
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

WOMEN'S SINGLES — CHAMPIONSHIP
Iga Swiatek (2), Poland, def. Liudmila Samsonova, Russia, 6-2, 6-2.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — CHAMPIONSHIP
Sara Sorribes Tormo, Spain, and Marie Bouzkova, Czech Republic, def. Hao-Ching Chan, Taiwan, and Giuliana Olmos, Mexico, 3-6, 6-0, 10-4.

ATP

SHANGHAI MASTERS
At Qizhong Forest Sports City Arena; in Shanghai
Purse: $8,800,000
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

SINGLES — ROUND OF 64
Arthur Fils, France, def. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (24), Spain, 6-2, 7-5; Daniel Evans (30), Britain, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 6-2, 3-0, ret; Grigor Dimitrov (18), Bulgaria, def. Aleksandar Vukic, Australia, 6-4, 6-3; Andrey Rublev (5), Russia, def. Quentin Halys, France, 6-4, 7-5; Karen Khachanov (13), Russia, def. Beibit Zhukayev, Kazakhstan, 7-6 (7-1), 4-6, 6-2; Diego Schwartzman, Argentina, def. Jiri Lehecka (27), Czech Republic, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; Adrian Mannarino (31), France, def. Chun Hsin Tseng, Taiwan, 6-2, 6-2.

SINGLES — ROUND OF 32
Casper Ruud (8), Norway, def. Christopher Eubanks (29), United States, 6-4, 6-2; Sebastian Korda (26), United States, def. Daniil Medvedev (2), Russia, 7-6 (10-8), 6-2; Hubert Hurkacz (16), Poland, def. Yu Hsiou Hsu, Taiwan, 6-4, 6-4; Fabian Marozsan, Hungary, def. Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, 6-3, 6-3; Ben Shelton (19), United States, def. Roman Safiullin, Russia, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; Francisco Cerundolo (20), Argentina, def. Marton Fucsovics, Hungary, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5; Jannik Sinner (6), Italy, def. Sebastian Baez (25), Argentina, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; Zhang Zhizhen, China, def. Brandon Nakashima, United States, 7-6 (7-2), 6-2.

DOUBLES — ROUND OF 32
Max Purcell and Alex de Minaur, Australia, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Austin Krajicek (1), United States, 6-7 (7-3), 6-1, 11-9; Robin Haase, Netherlands, and Stefanos Tsitsipas, Greece, def. Nathaniel Lammons and Jackson Withrow, United States, 3-6, 6-3, 10-8; Wesley Koolhof, Netherlands, and Neal Skupski (2), Britain, def. Mackenzie McDonald and Frances Tiafoe, United States, 6-7 (7-3), 6-1, 10-3; Fabien Reboul and Sadio Doumbia, France, def. Taylor Fritz and Sebastian Korda, United States, 6-3, 6-7 (7-5), 10-4; Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands, and Marcelo Arevalo-Gonzalez (8), El Salvador, def. Felix Auger-Aliassime, Canada, and Jiri Lehecka, Czech Republic, 6-4, 7-5; Kevin Krawietz and Tim Puetz, Germany, def. Nikola Mektic, Croatia, and John Peers, Australia, 6-4, 4-6, 10-5; Michael Venus, New Zealand, and Jamie Murray, Britain, def. Marcelo Melo and Rafael Matos, Brazil, 6-4, 1-6, 10-6.

DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16
Marcel Granollers, Spain, and Horacio Zeballos (7), Argentina, def. Lucas Miedler and Alexander Erler, Austria, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3).

GOLF

PGA Tour

SANDERSON FARMS CHAMPIONSHIP
At Country Club of Jackson (Miss.)
Purse: $8.2 million
Yardage: 7,461; **Par:** 72

FINAL ROUND
x-Won on first playoff hole

$1,476,000
x-Luke List (500) 66 66 68 70 — 270 -18
$549,400
Ludvig Aberg (184) 67 69 66 68 — 270 -18
Ben Griffin (184) 67 63 66 74 — 270 -18
Henrik Norlander (184) 65 67 68 70 — 270 -18
Scott Stallings (184) 68 67 65 70 — 270 -18
$276,750
Christiaan Bezuidenhout (92) 66 69 68 68 — 271 -17
Mark Hubbard (92) 69 68 67 67 — 271 -17
Carl Yuan (92) 66 66 67 72 — 271 -17
$223,450
Cameron Champ (75) 67 69 65 71 — 272 -16
Troy Merritt (75) 68 65 71 68 — 272 -16
C.T. Pan (75) 68 69 69 66 — 272 -16
$190,650
Zecheng Dou (65) 67 66 68 72 — 273 -15
$160,583
Joel Dahmen (57) 69 67 68 71 — 275 -13
Tom Hoge (0) 71 65 69 70 — 275 -13
Brett White (0) 68 70 68 69 — 275 -13
$109,197
Tyler Duncan (45) 69 68 71 68 — 276 -12
Garrick Higgo (45) 70 66 75 65 — 276 -12
Kelly Kraft (45) 69 70 69 68 — 276 -12
Ben Martin (45) 70 68 72 66 — 276 -12
Chad Ramey (45) 70 68 67 71 — 276 -12
Alex Smalley (45) 70 69 67 70 — 276 -12
Davis Thompson (45) 67 70 70 69 — 276 -12
Erik Van Rooyen (45) 67 68 69 72 — 276 -12
Adam Svensson (0) 67 69 66 74 — 276 -12
$67,377
Stephan Jaeger (34) 71 68 72 66 — 277 -11
Matthew NeSmith (34) 66 70 72 69 — 277 -11
Peter Kuest (0) 68 67 72 70 — 277 -11

LPGA Tour

ASCENDANT LPGA
At Old American Golf Club; in The Colony, Tex.
Purse: $1.8 million
Yardage: 6,517; **Par:** 71

FINAL ROUND

$270,000
Hyo Joo Kim 64 68 70 69 — 271 -13
$143,411
Bianca Pagdanganan 70 70 70 65 — 275 -9
Atthaya Thitikul 70 69 71 65 — 275 -9
$93,286
Sarah Kemp 67 71 69 69 — 276 -8
$75,085
Lexi Thompson 71 65 71 70 — 277 -7
$61,433
Cheyenne Knight 70 71 74 63 — 278 -6
$45,658
Leona Maguire 70 67 74 68 — 279 -5
Katherine Muzi 73 69 69 68 — 279 -5
So Yeon Ryu 72 69 68 70 — 279 -5
$34,280
Jodi Ewart Shadoff 71 72 70 67 — 280 -4
Frida Kinhult 71 69 68 72 — 280 -4
Sarah Schmelzel 70 70 69 71 — 280 -4
$28,092
Celine Boutier 69 67 74 71 — 281 -3
Yuna Nishimura 69 69 74 69 — 281 -3
Sarah Jane Smith 71 70 71 69 — 281 -3
$22,753
Marina Alex 67 70 76 69 — 282 -2
Nicole Broch Estrup 69 70 70 73 — 282 -2
Ally Ewing 71 70 72 69 — 282 -2
Sofia Garcia 66 68 76 72 — 282 -2
Lindsey Weaver-Wright 68 73 71 70 — 282 -2

LOCAL GOLF

POHICK BAY
Todd Pickering won overall gross in Saturday's annual Club Championship with a 77. George Ksenics won Club Champion with net of 73. Greg Fox won the gross senior club championship with a 75 while Jong Lee won the net senior club championship with a 65. Suk Yi won the gross second flight championship with 76 while Charles Petitte won the net second flight championship with 76.

TRANSACTIONS

NHL
Carolina Hurricanes: Assigned Fs Justin Robidas, Blake Murray, G Yaniv Perets and D Griffin Mendel to Norfolk.
Detroit Red Wings: Signed LW Zach Aston-Reese to a one-year, two-way contract.
Montreal Canadiens: Placed RW Joel Armia on waivers.
New Jersey Devils: Assigned G Tyler Brennan to Adirondack (ECHL).

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA preseason

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	1	0	1.000	—
Toronto	1	0	1.000	—
Brooklyn	0	0	.000	½
New York	0	0	.000	½
Philadelphia	0	1	.000	1

SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	0	0	.000	—
Charlotte	0	0	.000	—
Miami	0	0	.000	—
Orlando	0	0	.000	—
Washington	0	0	.000	—

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	1	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	0	0	.000	½
Chicago	0	1	.000	1
Detroit	0	1	.000	1
Indiana	0	1	.000	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	1	0	1.000	—
Houston	0	0	.000	½
New Orleans	0	0	.000	½
San Antonio	0	0	.000	½
Dallas	0	2	.000	1½

NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	2	0	1.000	—
Denver	0	0	.000	1
Oklahoma City	0	0	.000	1
Portland	0	0	.000	1
x-Utah	0	0	.000	1

PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	1	0	1.000	—
Phoenix	1	0	1.000	—
x-L.A. Clippers	0	0	.000	½
Sacramento	0	1	.000	1
L.A. Lakers	0	1	.000	1

x-Late game

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Milwaukee 105, Chicago 102
Phoenix 130, at Detroit 126 (OT)
at Boston 114, Philadelphia 106
Toronto 112, Sacramento 99, in Vancouver
at Memphis 127, Indiana 122 (OT)
L.A. Clippers vs. Utah, in Honolulu, late

MONDAY'S GAMES
Boston at New York, 7:30
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8
L.A. Lakers vs. Brooklyn, 9 in Las Vegas

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Cairns Taipans at Washington, 7
Dallas at Madrid Baloncesto, 2:45
Charlotte at Miami, 7:30
Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30
Indiana at Houston, 8
Milwaukee at Memphis, 8
Orlando at New Orleans, 8
Denver at Phoenix, 10
L.A. Clippers vs. Utah, 10 in Seattle
New Zealand Breakers at Portland, 10

Bucks 105, Bulls 102

CHICAGO	30	21	31	20	—	102
MILWAUKEE	21	29	28	27	—	105

CHICAGO: DeRozan 2-6 2-2 7, Williams 4-9 2-2 13, Vucevic 1-3 2-2 4, LaVine 4-7 0-0 9, White 6-10 0-0 14, Craig 3-9 0-0 7, Drell 0-0 0-0 0, Lewis 1-3 0-1 2, Phillips 1-4 0-0 2, Sanogo 2-5 0-0 4, Taylor 1-2 0-0 2, Terry 1-5 0-0 2, Drummond 3-8 2-2 8, Bitim 2-3 0-0 6, Carter 3-7 1-1 8, Caruso 0-1 0-0 0, Dosunmu 3-8 0-0 8, Heidegger 0-2 1-1 1, Jackson 2-3 1-1 5, Jones 0-4 0-0 0. **Totals** 39-99 11-12 102.

MILWAUKEE: Crowder 4-7 0-0 10, Portis 4-5 0-0 8, B.Lopez 4-8 0-0 11, Beasley 5-10 0-0 13, Wigginton 1-7 0-0 2, Beauchamp 5-11 7-8 18, T.Antetokounmpo 6-8 2-2 14, Timme 1-2 0-0 2, Bolden 1-1 1-2 3, R.Lopez 3-6 0-0 6, Connaughton 3-8 1-2 8, Jackson Jr. 2-5 0-0 4, Washington Jr. 2-7 2-2 6. **Totals** 41-85 13-16 105.

Three-point Goals: Chicago 13-35 (Williams 3-6, Bitim 2-2, Dosunmu 2-4, White 2-5, DeRozan 1-1, Craig 1-3, LaVine 1-3, Carter 1-4, Caruso 0-1, Heidegger 0-1, Jones 0-1, Lewis 0-1, Phillips 0-1, Terry 0-1, Vucevic 0-1), Milwaukee 10-33 (B.Lopez 3-5, Beasley 3-7, Crowder 2-4, Beauchamp 1-3, Connaughton 1-4, Jackson Jr. 0-1, R.Lopez 0-1, Washington Jr. 0-4, Wigginton 0-4). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** Chicago 47 (Drummond 9), Milwaukee 46 (Beauchamp 9). **Assists:** Chicago 24 (White 6), Milwaukee 28 (Washington Jr. 7). **Total Fouls:** Chicago 18, Milwaukee 13. **A:** 15,433 (17,500)

Suns 130, Pistons 126 (OT)

PHOENIX	46	24	34	18	8	—	130
DETROIT	29	30	25	38	4	—	126

PHOENIX: Durant 4-7 3-3 12, Okogie 2-3 0-0 4, Nurkic 2-4 1-3 5, Beal 3-5 4-4 11, Booker 5-9 0-0 12, Bates-Diop 1-5 0-0 3, Azubuike 0-0 2-2 2, Bol 2-5 0-0 4, Eubanks 1-1 5-9 7, Metu 3-7 6-6 14, Watanabe 4-9 0-0 10, Little 1-4 0-0 3, Allen 7-11 1-1 18, Gordon 2-6 4-4 8, Johnson 3-7 0-0 6, S.Lee 2-12 6-6 11. **Totals** 42-95 32-38 130.

DETROIT: Stewart 5-10 0-0 11, Thompson 3-9 5-8 12, Duren 2-4 2-6 6, Burks 3-6 0-0 6, Cunningham 5-15 0-0 12, Bagley III 10-14 4-5 25, Evbuomwan 0-0 0-0 0, Harris 2-4 0-0 5, Wiseman 1-2 2-2 4, Hayes 5-8 3-3 13, Ivey 5-8 2-4 15, Rhoden 1-3 0-0 2, Sasser 0-2 1-2 1, Simpson 1-3 0-2 2, Umude 4-7 2-2 12. **Totals** 47-95 21-34 126.

Three-point Goals: Phoenix 14-37 (Allen 3-6, Metu 2-3, Booker 2-4, Watanabe 2-6, Beal 1-1, Durant 1-2, Little 1-2, Bates-Diop 1-3, S.Lee 1-3, Okogie 0-1, Johnson 0-2, Gordon 0-4), Detroit 11-35 (Ivey 3-6, Cunningham 2-4, Umude 2-5, Bagley III 1-2, Harris 1-2, Thompson 1-3, Stewart 1-6, Hayes 0-1, Rhoden 0-1, Simpson 0-1, Burks 0-2, Sasser 0-2). **Fouled Out:** Phoenix None, Detroit 1 (Sasser). **Rebounds:** Phoenix 50 (Eubanks 8), Detroit 49 (Thompson 10). **Assists:** Phoenix 27 (S.Lee 4), Detroit 33 (Hayes 7). **Total Fouls:** Phoenix 26, Detroit 33. **A:** 15,062 (20,491)

Celtics 114, 76ers 106

PHILADELPHIA	29	28	23	26	—	106
BOSTON	20	39	22	33	—	114

PHILADELPHIA: Harris 5-12 2-2 13, Tucker 0-1 0-0 0, Reed 1-8 3-4 5, Beverley 5-7 0-0 12, Maxey 9-17 3-3 24, House Jr. 0-3 0-0 0, Oubre Jr. 2-7 2-3 6, Bamba 3-9 0-0 7, Petrusev 3-3 0-0 6, Council IV 1-4 1-2 3, Duke Jr. 0-2 2-2 2, Green 1-6 0-0 3, Smart 2-3 0-0 6, Smith 2-6 0-0 5, Springer 5-7 2-3 14. **Totals** 39-95 15-19 106.

BOSTON: Porzingis 5-7 5-8 17, Tatum 3-13 7-9 13, Horford 1-3 2-2 5, Brown 7-10 4-5 19, White 2-6 3-4 7, Banton 2-6 0-0 5, Hauser 0-6 0-0 0, Stevens 2-2 1-1 5, Kornet 1-2 2-2 4, Brissett 3-6 0-1 7, Holiday 2-10 0-0 6, Pritchard 9-14 2-2 26. **Totals** 37-85 26-34 114.

Three-point Goals: Philadelphia 13-38 (Maxey 3-9, Springer 2-2, Beverley 2-3, Smart 2-3, Harris 1-3, Smith 1-3, Bamba 1-4, Green 1-5, House Jr. 0-1, Reed 0-1, Tucker 0-1, Oubre Jr. 0-3), Boston 14-38 (Pritchard 6-11, Porzingis 2-3, Holiday 2-4, Brissett 1-2, Brown 1-2, Horford 1-2, Banton 1-3, White 0-1, Tatum 0-4, Hauser 0-6). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** Philadelphia 48 (Harris 7), Boston 49 (Tatum 10). **Assists:** Philadelphia 19 (Maxey 4), Boston 19 (Tatum 5). **Total Fouls:** Philadelphia 24, Boston 21. **A:** 19,156 (18,624)

Raptors 112, Kings 99

SACRAMENTO	35	20	19	25	—	99
TORONTO	35	34	26	17	—	112

SACRAMENTO: H.Barnes 5-8 0-0 11, Murray 5-10 0-0 11, Sabonis 2-6 3-3 7, Fox 0-6 2-2 2, Huerter 1-3 0-0 2, Edwards 0-2 1-2 1, Lyles 1-3 2-2 5, Slawson 0-0 0-0 0, Vezenkov 4-7 2-2 12, McGee 3-3 1-1 7, Burton 0-2 0-0 0, Jones 2-6 0-0 5, Lamb 1-2 3-4 6, Len 1-1 0-2 2, Duarte 2-9 0-0 4, Ellis 0-2 1-2 1, Ford 4-5 0-0 8, J.Nowell 1-3 2-2 5, Mitchell 3-7 0-0 8, Monk 0-4 2-3 2. **Totals** 35-89 19-25 99.

TORONTO: Anunoby 6-7 0-0 14, Siakam 3-6 2-3 8, Poeltl 2-4 0-0 4, S.Barnes 5-9 5-7 15, Schroder 1-3 3-4 6, Gueye 2-2 3-5 7, Young 1-2 0-0 2, Boucher 5-7 0-2 11, McDaniels 4-5 2-2 11, Temple 0-1 2-2 2, Trent Jr. 7-12 5-5 22, Dick 2-6 0-0 5, Flynn 1-6 2-2 5, Freeman-Liberty 0-3 0-0 0, M.Nowell 0-2 0-0 0. **Totals** 39-75 24-32 112.

Three-point Goals: Sacramento 10-45 (Vezenkov 2-4, Mitchell 2-5, J.Nowell 1-1, Lamb 1-2, Lyles 1-2, Jones 1-3, H.Barnes 1-4, Murray 1-5, Ford 0-1, Sabonis 0-1, Edwards 0-2, Ellis 0-2, Huerter 0-2, Monk 0-2, Fox 0-3, Duarte 0-6), Toronto 10-29 (Trent Jr. 3-6, Anunoby 2-2, Boucher 1-2, McDaniels 1-2, Schroder 1-3, Dick 1-4, Flynn 1-4, Freeman-Liberty 0-1, Temple 0-1, S.Barnes 0-2, Siakam 0-2). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** Sacramento 34 (Sabonis 6), Toronto 48 (S.Barnes 7). **Assists:** Sacramento 29 (Sabonis 6), Toronto 30 (Flynn, Schroder 5). **Total Fouls:** Sacramento 23, Toronto 29. **A:** 18,654 (18,890)

Grizzlies 127, Pacers 122 (OT)

INDIANA	32	27	32	23	8	—	122
MEMPHIS	34	32	25	23	13	—	127

INDIANA: Mathurin 7-13 2-2 18, Toppin 3-7 0-1 7, Turner 1-4 4-4 6, B.Brown 2-8 1-2 5, McConnell 5-7 0-0 11, I.Jackson 1-3 2-2 4, Nwora 3-9 0-0 7, Tshiebwe 1-1 0-0 2, Walker 7-15 1-1 19, Smith 4-9 1-4 9, Nesmith 1-6 6-6 9, Hield 2-8 0-0 4, K.Brown 2-4 0-0 4, Sheppard 6-16 0-0 15, Wong 0-2 2-2 2. **Totals** 45-112 19-24 122.

MEMPHIS: Bane 5-13 6-6 17, Jackson Jr. 8-15 2-3 18, Adams 2-2 0-0 4, Kennard 1-5 3-3 6, Rose 6-8 0-1 13, G.Jackson 1-8 0-0 2, LaRavia 6-14 1-1 15, Lofton Jr. 5-6 0-0 11, Roddy 4-6 1-1 9, Tillman 4-6 0-0 8, Williams 2-7 2-2 6, Aldama 4-8 2-2 10, Gilyard 1-3 0-0 3, Harrison 0-3 0-0 0, Konchar 1-4 2-2 5. **Totals** 50-108 19-21 127.

Three-point Goals: Indiana 13-53 (Walker 4-9, Sheppard 3-10, Mathurin 2-5, McConnell 1-2, Toppin 1-2, Nesmith 1-4, Nwora 1-6, Wong 0-1, K.Brown 0-2, Smith 0-2, B.Brown 0-3, Turner 0-3, Hield 0-4), Memphis 8-38 (LaRavia 2-5, Lofton Jr. 1-1, Rose 1-1, Gilyard 1-3, Konchar 1-3, Kennard 1-4, Bane 1-6, Aldama 0-1, Roddy 0-1, Tillman 0-1, Williams 0-3, Jackson Jr. 0-4, G.Jackson 0-5). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** Indiana 56 (Walker 9), Memphis 48 (Aldama 8). **Assists:** Indiana 30 (McConnell 8), Memphis 27 (Gilyard 6). **Total Fouls:** Indiana 19, Memphis 26. **A:** 14,403 (18,119)

Jazz 101, Clippers 96

UTAH	24	19	26	32	—	101
L.A. CLIPPERS	27	23	16	30	—	96

UTAH: Collins 2-3 0-0 5, Markkanen 4-10 2-2 10, Kessler 3-5 1-3 7, Horton-Tucker 5-13 0-0 13, Sexton 1-6 1-2 3, Fontecchio 2-7 0-0 6, Hendricks 1-3 0-0 3, Samanic 3-4 1-2 9, Olynyk 0-0 1-2 1, Yurtseven 2-4 0-1 4, Agbaji 4-10 1-1 9, Clarkson 2-4 2-2 6, Dunn 7-7 0-0 15, K.George 2-9 5-6 10. **Totals** 38-85 14-21 101.

L.A. CLIPPERS: Leonard 4-8 2-2 11, Mann 1-1 0-0 2, Zubac 2-3 0-0 4, Hyland 7-14 4-4 18, P.George 3-7 0-0 8, Brown 3-5 0-0 7, Covington 0-1 0-0 0, Diabate 3-7 2-2 8, Martin Jr. 3-9 0-0 7, Miller 2-4 0-0 4, Williams 2-6 1-2 5, Plumlee 1-2 0-0 2, Coffey 1-7 2-2 5, Boston Jr. 0-0 0-0 0, Moon 4-11 0-0 9, Powell 0-7 6-7 6. **Totals** 36-92 17-19 96.

Three-point Goals: Utah 11-37 (Horton-Tucker 3-7, Samanic 2-2, Fontecchio 2-5, Collins 1-1, Dunn 1-1, Hendricks 1-3, K.George 1-6, Yurtseven 0-1, Clarkson 0-2, Sexton 0-2, Markkanen 0-3, Agbaji 0-4), L.A. Clippers 7-26 (P.George 2-3, Martin Jr. 1-1, Brown 1-2, Moon 1-2, Leonard 1-3, Coffey 1-5, Miller 0-1, Williams 0-1, Powell 0-2, Hyland 0-6). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** Utah 51 (Markkanen 8), L.A. Clippers 42 (Diabate, Martin Jr. 8). **Assists:** Utah 22 (Dunn, K.George, Sexton 5), L.A. Clippers 18 (Hyland, Moon 4). **Total Fouls:** Utah 15, L.A. Clippers 21. **A:** 10,263 (10,300)

WNBA playoffs

FIRST ROUND
Best of three

LIBERTY ELIMINATED MYSTICS, 2-0
Game 1: at New York 90, Washington 75
Game 2: at New York 90, Washington 85 (OT)

ACES ELIMINATED SKY, 2-0
Game 1: at Las Vegas 87, Chicago 59
Game 2: at Las Vegas 92, Chicago 70

SUN ELIMINATED LYNX, 2-1
Game 1: at Connecticut 90, Minnesota 60
Game 2: Minnesota 82, at Connecticut 75
Game 3: Connecticut 90, at Minnesota 75

WINGS ELIMINATED DREAM, 2-0
Game 1: at Dallas 94, Atlanta 82
Game 2: at Dallas 101, Atlanta 74

SEMIFINALS
Best of five

LIBERTY ELIMINATED SUN, 3-1
Game 1: Connecticut 78, at New York 63
Game 2: at New York 84, Connecticut 77
Game 3: New York 92, at Connecticut 81
Game 4: New York 87, at Connecticut 84

ACES ELIMINATED WINGS, 3-0
Game 1: at Las Vegas 97, Dallas 83
Game 2: at Las Vegas 91, Dallas 84
Game 3: Las Vegas 64, at Dallas 61

FINALS
Best of five; x-If necessary

ACES LEAD LIBERTY, 1-0
Game 1: at Las Vegas 99, New York 82
Wednesday's game: New York at Las Vegas, 9 (ESPN)
Sunday's game: Las Vegas at New York, 3 (ABC)
x-Wednesday, Oct. 18: Las Vegas at New York, 8 (ESPN)
x-Friday, Oct. 20: New York at Las Vegas, 9 (ESPN)

Aces 99, Liberty 82

New York	25	24	16	17	—	82
Las Vegas	22	24	26	27	—	99

NEW YORK	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Laney	36:09	5-8	1-1	0-3	1	1	11
Stewart	36:01	8-19	4-6	2-9	2	1	21
Jones	34:12	7-12	2-2	3-10	1	4	16
Ionescu	34:28	2-7	2-2	1-5	5	3	7
Vandersloot	25:50	4-11	0-0	0-0	6	4	10
Johannès	19:51	5-9	0-0	0-3	2	2	14
Thornton	8:13	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	3	3
Willoughby	2:08	0-1	0-2	0-0	0	0	0
Dolson	1:34	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Sabally	1:34	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	32-69	9-13	6-30	17	18	82

Percentages: FG .464, FT .692. **3-Point Goals:** 9-29, .310 (Johannès 4-7, Vandersloot 2-5, Thornton 1-2, Stewart 1-4, Ionescu 1-5, Jones 0-3, Laney 0-3). **Team Rebounds:** 2. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 3 (Johannès, Jones, Vandersloot). **Turnovers:** 11 (Johannès 3, Laney 3, Vandersloot 2, Ionescu, Jones, Stewart). **Steals:** 6 (Laney 3, Jones, Sabally, Willoughby). **Technical Fouls:** Liberty, 7:35 second; Liberty, 4:58 second.

LAS VEGAS	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Wilson	34:59	7-11	5-6	1-8	2	1	19
Young	37:19	9-15	3-5	0-5	4	3	26
Stokes	21:31	0-0	0-0	2-4	3	2	0
Gray	37:10	6-13	5-5	0-6	9	1	20
Plum	36:10	10-19	5-5	0-5	1	4	26
Clark	28:01	3-6	2-2	1-5	2	4	8
Bell	1:34	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Colson	1:20	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Coates	0:58	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
George	0:58	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	35-64	20-23	4-34	21	16	99

Percentages: FG .547, FT .870. **3-Point Goals:** 9-22, .409 (Young 5-8, Gray 3-5, Plum 1-7, Clark 0-2). **Team Rebounds:** 7. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 5 (Wilson 3, Gray 2). **Turnovers:** 11 (Gray 3, Plum 3, Young 3, Clark, Colson). **Steals:** 7 (Young 3, Wilson 2, Clark, Plum). **Technical Fouls:** Aces, 8:56 second; coach Becky Hammon, 2:58 fourth. **A:** 10,300 (12,000)

HOCKEY

NHL preseason

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	8	6	2	0	12	27	18
Detroit	8	5	2	1	11	29	22
Tampa Bay	7	5	2	0	10	22	18
Toronto	8	4	2	2	10	26	23
Florida	8	4	4	0	8	25	21
Montreal	6	3	3	0	6	19	20
Boston	6	2	2	2	6	15	17
Buffalo	7	3	4	0	6	22	27

METROPOLITAN	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	7	7	0	0	14	30	13
Columbus	8	4	3	1	9	27	25
Washington	6	3	2	1	7	20	22
Philadelphia	6	3	2	1	7	15	17
Pittsburgh	7	3	3	1	7	20	20
Carolina	6	3	3	0	6	16	17
N.Y. Islanders	6	2	4	0	4	16	22
N.Y. Rangers	6	1	5	0	2	12	21

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	6	5	1	0	10	19	15
St. Louis	8	4	2	2	10	23	23
Dallas	7	4	2	1	9	23	17
Arizona	9	4	5	0	8	30	28
Chicago	6	2	2	2	6	14	20
Winnipeg	6	2	3	1	5	14	15
Colorado	6	2	4	0	4	16	20
Nashville	6	1	4	1	3	13	22

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	9	6	2	1	13	30	28
Edmonton	8	5	2	1	11	21	18
Calgary	8	4	3	1	9	28	25
Anaheim	8	4	4	0	8	23	29
Seattle	6	3	2	1	7	14	15
Vegas	7	3	3	1	7	21	22
San Jose	6	2	2	2	6	15	16
Vancouver	6	2	3	1	5	11	20

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Columbus 4, at Washington 2
Vegas 7, at Los Angeles 4
Arizona 7, Anaheim 1 at Tucson Arena
at Minnesota 4, Dallas 0
Tampa Bay 4, at Florida 2
Montreal 6, at Ottawa 4
at Detroit 4, Toronto 3
at St. Louis 5, Chicago 3

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
No games scheduled.

MONDAY'S GAMES
No games scheduled.

END OF PRESEASON

START OF REGULAR SEASON
TUESDAY'S GAMES
Nashville at Tampa Bay, 5:30
Chicago at Pittsburgh, 8
Seattle at Vegas, 10:30

Canadiens 6, Senators 4
Late Saturday

MONTREAL	2	1	3	—	6
OTTAWA	1	1	2	—	4

FIRST PERIOD
Scoring: 1, Montreal, Slafkovsky 1 (Matheson), 0:33. 2, Ottawa, Kelly 1 (Mirnov, Matinpalo), 1:44. 3, Montreal, Pezzetta 1 (J.Harris, Evans), 14:04.

SECOND PERIOD
Scoring: 4, Montreal, Suzuki 1 (Barron), 8:26. 5, Ottawa, Kubalik 1 (Brannstrom, Hamonic), 9:13.

THIRD PERIOD
Scoring: 6, Ottawa, Jarventie 1 (Larsson, Bailey), 6:05. 7, Ottawa, Greig 1, 6:21. 8, Montreal, Monahan 1 (Norlinder, J.Harris), 13:57. 9, Montreal, Caufield 1 (Harvey-Pinard, Suzuki), 16:30. 10, Montreal, A.Xhekaj 1 (Monahan), 17:58.

SHOTS ON GOAL

MONTREAL	13	14	11	—	38
OTTAWA	11	7	7	—	25

Power-play opportunities: Montreal 0 of 5; Ottawa 0 of 3. **Goalies:** Montreal, Montembeault 1-0-0 (25 shots-21 saves). Ottawa, Sogaard 0-1-0 (38-32). **A:** 17,601 (18,572). **T:** 2:34.

SOCCER

MLS

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
z-Cincinnati	20	5	8	68	55	37
y-Orlando City	17	7	9	60	53	39
y-Philadelphia	15	8	10	55	56	39
y-Columbus	15	9	9	54	65	45
y-New England	14	8	10	52	54	42
y-Atlanta	13	9	11	50	64	51
y-Nashville	12	10	10	46	36	29
CF Montréal	12	16	5	41	35	50
D.C. United	10	14	10	40	45	49
New York	10	13	10	40	35	39
Chicago	10	13	10	40	39	50
Charlotte FC	9	11	12	39	42	50
New York City FC	8	11	14	38	34	39
Inter Miami CF	9	17	6	33	39	51
Toronto FC	4	19	10	22	26	57

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
z-St Louis City	17	11	5	56	62	43
y-Los Angeles FC	14	10	9	51	53	38
y-Seattle	13	9	11	50	39	32
y-Houston	13	11	9	48	48	37
y-Vancouver	12	10	11	47	54	47
y-Real Salt Lake	13	12	7	46	45	48
Portland	11	12	10	43	45	55
San Jose	10	10	13	43	38	42
FC Dallas	10	10	12	42	36	35
Sporting KC	11	14	8	41	45	50
Minnesota United	10	12	11	41	45	48
Austin FC	10	15	8	38	48	54
LA Galaxy	8	13	11	35	48	61
Colorado	5	16	11	26	25	52

y-Clinched playoff; z-Clinched conference

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at D.C. United 2, New York City FC 0
Columbus 1, at Atlanta 1
Cincinnati 1, at Miami 0
at CF Montréal 4, Portland 1
at New York 3, Toronto FC 0
at Orlando City 3, New England 2
Nashville 0, at Philadelphia 0
Los Angeles FC 4, at Austin FC 2
Charlotte FC 2, at Chicago 0
San Jose 1, at FC Dallas 1
at Houston 5, Colorado 1
at Minnesota 5, LA Galaxy 2
Sporting KC 3, at Real Salt Lake 2
Vancouver 0, at Seattle 0

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
New England at Nashville, 8:30
Colorado at FC Dallas, 8:30
Real Salt Lake at LA Galaxy, 10:30

WEDNESDAY, OCT 18
Charlotte FC at Miami, 8

Sporting KC 3, Real Salt Lake 2
Late Saturday

SPORTING KC	2	1	3
REAL SALT LAKE	0	2	2

First Half: 1, Sporting KC, Thommy, 5, 4th minute; 2, Sporting KC, Russell, 6 (Ndenbe), 29th.
Second Half: 3, Sporting KC, Pulido, 14, 77th; 4, Real Salt Lake, Vera, 3, 81st; 5, Real Salt Lake, Savarino, 7, 89th.
Goalies: Sporting KC, Tim Melia, John Pulskamp; Real Salt Lake, Zac MacMath, Gavin Beavers.
Yellow Cards: Radoja, Sporting KC, 38th; Vera, Real Salt Lake, 58th; Melia, Sporting KC, 90th+2; MacMath, Real Salt Lake, 90th+8.
Red Cards: Glad, Real Salt Lake, 3rd.
A: 21,205.
Sporting KC, Tim Melia; Logan Ndenbe, Dany Rosero (Robert Castellanos, 48th), Robert Voloder; Jake Davis, Felipe Gutierrez, Nemanja Radoja (Remi Walter, 52nd), Erik Thommy (Gadi Kinda, 59th); Alan Pulido (William Agada, 82nd), Johnny Russell (Marinos Tzionis, 74th), Daniel Salloi.
Real Salt Lake, Zac MacMath; Andrew Brody (Anderson Julio, 62nd), Justen Glad, Bryan Oviedo (Maikel Chang, 62nd), Brayan Vera; Andres Gomez (Bode Davis, 62nd), Diego Luna (Marcelo Silva, 5th), Braian Ojeda, Nelson Palacio, Jefferson Savarino; Cristian Arango (Rubio Rubin, 28th).

Whitecaps 0, Sounders 0
Late Saturday

VANCOUVER	0	0	0
SEATTLE	0	0	0

First Half: None.
Second Half: None.
Goalies: Vancouver, Yohei Takaoka, Isaac Boehmer; Seattle, Stefan Frei, Stefan Cleveland.
Yellow Cards: Roldan, Seattle, 34th; Chu, Seattle, 56th; Laborda, Vancouver, 63rd; Schopf, Vancouver, 66th; Gomez Andrade, Seattle, 73rd; Laryea, Vancouver, 90th+2.
Vancouver, Yohei Takaoka; Sam Adekugbe (Ryan Raposo, 71st), Tristan Blackmon, Mathias Laborda (Javain Brown, 70th), Richie Laryea, Ranko Veselinovic; Sebastian Berhalter, Ryan Gauld, Junior Hoilett (Alessandro Schopf, 60th), Pedro Vite (Ali Ahmed, 84th); Brian White.
Seattle, Stefan Frei; Yeimar Gomez Andrade, Jackson Ragen, Nouhou Tolo; Josh Atencio, Leo Chu (Heber, 72nd), Joao Paulo, Nicolas Lodeiro (Albert Rusnak, 72nd), Alex Roldan, Cristian Roldan; Jordan Morris (Reed Baker-Whiting, 87th).

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Portland	10	6	5	35	41	27
San Diego	10	7	4	34	29	22
North Carolina	8	7	6	30	28	22
Gotham FC	8	7	6	30	23	22
Washington	7	5	9	30	26	28
OL Reign	8	8	5	29	26	24
Orlando	9	11	1	28	26	28
Angel City	7	7	7	28	26	29
Louisville	6	6	9	27	25	22
Houston	6	7	8	26	16	17
Kansas City	8	12	1	25	28	34
Chicago	7	11	3	24	28	47

MONDAY, OCT. 2
Orlando 1, at Angel City 0

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 0, at OL Reign 0
at Louisville 3, Orlando 2

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at Portland 1, Gotham FC 0
San Diego 0, at North Carolina 0
at Kansas City 6, Chicago 3

SUNDAY'S RESULT
Angel City 2, at Houston 1

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
North Carolina at Washington, 5
Kansas City at Gotham FC, 5
Houston at Orlando, 5
OL Reign at Chicago, 5
Portland at Angel City, 5
Louisville at San Diego, 5

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NASCAR Cup Series

ROVAL 400
At Charlotte Motor Speedway Road Course
In Concord, N.C.
Lap length: 2.28 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (6) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 109 laps, 41 points.
2. (14) William Byron, Chevrolet, 109, 35.
3. (5) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 109, 38.
4. (10) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 109, 35.
5. (7) Joey Logano, Ford, 109, 32.
6. (1) Tyler Reddick, Toyota, 109, 48.
7. (20) Chris Buescher, Ford, 109, 30.
8. (16) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 109, 29.
9. (8) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 109, 42.
10. (12) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 109, 40.
11. (18) Ryan Preece, Ford, 109, 26.
12. (17) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 109, 25.
13. (36) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 109, 30.
14. (15) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 109, 23.
15. (2) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 109, 37.
16. (4) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 109, 34.
17. (24) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 109, 20.
18. (19) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 109, 19.
19. (22) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 109, 18.
20. (11) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, 109, 27.
21. (21) Aric Almirola, Ford, 109, 16.
22. (25) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 109, 15.
23. (32) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 109, 14.
24. (31) Harrison Burton, Ford, 109, 13.
25. (29) Austin Cindric, Ford, 109, 12.
26. (28) Josh Bilicki, Chevrolet, 109, 0.
27. (33) Austin Hill, Chevrolet, 109, 0.
28. (30) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 109, 9.
29. (26) Mike Rockenfeller, Chevrolet, 109, 8.
30. (34) Zane Smith, Ford, 109, 0.
31. (37) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 109, 6.
32. (13) Michael McDowell, Ford, 109, 7.
33. (3) Daniel Suárez, Chevrolet, 109, 9.
34. (27) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Chevrolet, electrical, 96, 3.
35. (35) Andy Lally, Ford, accident, 84, 0.
36. (23) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, accident, 79, 1.
37. (9) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, dvp, 76, 9.

RACE STATISTICS
Average speed of race winner: 81.595 mph.
Time of race: 3 hours, 5 minutes, 57 seconds.
Margin of victory: 0.666 seconds.
Caution flags: 7 for 18 laps.
Lead changes: 7 among 6 drivers.
Leaders summary (driver, times led, laps led): A.Allmendinger, 2 times for 46 laps; T.Reddick, 1 time for 27 laps; C.Elliott, 1 time for 15 laps; C.Bell, 2 times for 9 laps; K.Busch, 1 time for 6 laps; R.Blaney, 1 time for 6 laps.
Wins: W.Byron, 6; D.Hamlin, 3; C.Buescher, 3; M.Truex, 3; K.Larson, 3; K.Busch, 3; R.Blaney, 2; T.Reddick, 2; C.Bell, 1; R.Chastain, 1; J.Logano, 1; R.Stenhouse, 1; M.McDowell, 1.

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850 Montgomery County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

HYACINTH B. MORGAN AKA
HYACINTH MORGAN
2600 Eccleston Street
Silver Spring, MD 20902
Defendant(s).

Case No. C-15-CV-22-004518

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given this **19th day of September, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **2600 Eccleston Street, Silver Spring, MD 20902**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **19th day of October, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **19th day of October, 2023**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$406,000.00.**

Karen A Bushell
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Montgomery County, Maryland

BWW#MD-335480

Sep 25,Oct 2,9 2023 0012436634

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

IVO I. ANDONOV
VIRGINIA J. NIKOLOVA
618 Eden Place
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
Defendant(s).

Case No. C-15-CV-23-002202

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given this **5th day of October, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **618 Eden Place, Gaithersburg, MD 20877**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **6th day of November, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **6th day of November, 2023.** The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$439,000.00**.

KAREN A. BUSHELL
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Montgomery County, Maryland

BWW#MD-363211

Oct 9,16,23 2023 0012438181

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Richard E. Solomon
Richard J. Rogers
Michael McKeefery
Christianna Kersey
Kevin Hildebeidel
Kyle Blackstone
Kathleen Young
1099 Winterson Road, Suite 301
Linthicum Heights, MD 21090
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

v.

Patricia L Hall
AND
James C. Hall
19452 Saint Johnsbury Lane
Germantown, MD 20876
Defendants

Case No. C-15-CV-23-002241

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given this **27th day of September, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **27th day of October, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Montgomery County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **27th day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$349,000.00**. The property sold herein is known as **19452 Saint Johnsbury Lane, Germantown, MD 20876**.

KAREN A. BUSHELL
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Montgomery County, Maryland

Oct 2,9,16 2023 0012437460

850 Montgomery County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

John Ansell, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs,

V.

FRANCOIS BOISSY.
Defendant.

Case No. C-15-CV-22-003576

NOTICE
Notice is hereby issued this **21st day of September, 2023**, that the sale of the property in this case, **10661 Weymouth Street, Unit 204, Bethesda, Maryland 20814**, reported by John Ansell, Jeremy B. Wilkins, Robert A. Oliveri, Amanda Driscole, Paul Heinmuller, John C. Hanrahan, Kristopher Hawkins, Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **23rd day of October, 2023**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in Washington Post, a newspaper published in Montgomery County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **23rd day of October, 2023.** The report states the amount of sale to be **$227,000.00**.

KAREN A. BUSHELL
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
50 MARYLAND AVENUE
ROCKVILE, MD 20850-2393

Sep 25,Oct 2,9 2023 0012436705

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

DIANA THEOLOGOU,
Substitute Trustee, et al,
Plaintiffs,

v.

ALI A. GAWISH, ET. AL.,
Defendant(s)

Case No. C-15-CV-23-000549

NOTICE
ORDERED this **26th day of September, 2023** by the Circuit Court for MONTGOMERY County, Maryland, that the sale of the property at **3908 Dunes Way, Burtonsville, MD 20866** mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported Diana Theologou, et. al, Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **26th day of October, 2023** next, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in some newspaper published in said County once in each of three successive weeks before the **26th day of October, 2023** next. The report states the amount of sale to be **$215,000.00** Subject to a Senior Mortgage.

KAREN A BUSHELL
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Oct 2,9,16 2023 0012437388

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, MARYLAND

WILLIAM M. SAVAGE, et al.
Trustee(s)
Plairitiff(s).

vs.

PAUL J PYON
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)

CIVIL NO: C-15-CV-22-001387

NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **25th day of September, 2023** by the Circuit Court for the County of Montgomery, Maryland and by the authoriy thereof, that the sale made by William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **7901 Coriander Drive, Unit 302, Gaithersburg, MD 20879**, and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **25th day of October, 2023** next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, 1150 15th Street, Washington DC, MD published in said County of Montgomery once a week for three successive weeks before the **25th day of October 2023**. The report states the amount of the sale to be **$130.000.00.**

KAREN A. BUSHELL
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

Trustees File#: 22-289835

Oct 2,9,16 2023 0012437219

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

KYUNGJIN YOO
717 Symphony Woods Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20901
Defendant(s).

Case No. C-15-CV-22-003668

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given this **20th day of September, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **717 Symphony Woods Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20901**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **20th day of October, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **20th day of October, 2023**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$542,000.00**.

KAREN A. BUSHELL
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Montgomery County, Maryland

BWW#MD-355448

Sep 25,Oct 2,9 2023 0012436643

850 Montgomery County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

MARIAM CAMARA
(DECEASED)
11507 Sutherland Hill Way
Silver Spring, MD 20904
Defendant(s).

Case No.480993V

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given this **5th day of October, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **11507 Sutherland Hill Way, Silver Spring, MD 20904**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **6th day of November, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaperprinted in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **6th day of November, 2023**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$402,000.00**.

KAREN A. BUSHELL
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Montgomery County, Maryland

BWW#MD-334413

Oct 9,16,23 2023 0012438179

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Craig A. Parker, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs,

VS.

Curtis Lee Johnson, Sr.
Defendant.

Case No.: C-16-CV-23-000896

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given this **3 day of October, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of **5718 Black Hawk Drive, Oxon Hill, MD 20745**, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **3 day of November, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in a daily newspaper printed in Prince George's County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **3 day of November, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$236,000.00**, subject to a prior Deed of Trust dated July 18, 2017 and recorded among the land records for Prince George's County at Book 39908, Page 410 in the original principal amount of $228,480.00 and subject to a prior Financing Statement related to solar panels dated January 19, 2018 and recorded among the land records for Prince George's County at Book 40473, Page 306 and thereafter renewed on May 15, 2023 and recorded at Book 48824, Page 214, with a payoff amount of $42,286.89 as of September 20, 2023.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court #793

Oct 9,16,23 2023 0012438031

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, MARYLAND

WILLIAM M. SAVAGE, et al.
Trustee(s)
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

JERICE OLIVIA CAMPBELL
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)

CIVIL NO: C16CV23002432

NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **4 day of October ,2023** by the Circuit Court for the County of Prince George's, Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **6328 Sunvalley Terrace, District Heights, MD 20747**, and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **6 day of November, 2023** next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, 1150 15th Street, Washington DC MD published in said County of Prince George's once a week for three successive weeks before the 6 **day of November, 2023**. The report states the amount of the sale to be **$257,400.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT FOR COUNTY OF
PRINCE GEORGE'S #769

Trustees File#: 23-293196

Oct 9,16,23 2023 0012438122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, MARYLAND

WILLIAM M. SAVAGE, et al.
Trustee(s)
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

ESTATE OF
MOSE CHESTNUT JR C/O
TRE'MARC CHESTNUT
(SUCCESSOR)
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)

CIVIL NO: CAEF18-41257

NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **4 day of October, 2023** by the Circuit Court for the County of Prince George's, Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **E10635 Lazy Day Lane, Mitchellville, MD 20721**, and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unles cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **6 day of November, 2023** next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, 1150 15th Street, Washington DC, MD published said County of Prince George's once a week for three successive weeks before the **6 day of November, 2023**. The report states the amount of the sale to be **$309,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT FOR COUNTY OF
PRINCE GEORGE'S #793

Trustees File#: 18-276310

Oct 9,16,23 2023 0012438125

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Regional Public Hearing for a Draft Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for PRO Housing Grant Funds

Notice is hereby given that the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) will conduct a virtual public hearing on Monday October 23, 2023 at 6:30pm for its draft application to HUD for PRO Housing grant funds. The Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) supports communities which are actively taking steps to remove barriers to affordable housing. COG invites community members from northern Virginia, suburban Maryland, and the District of Columbia to comment on the draft application in advance of the public hearing.

Register to attend the meeting at https://publicinput.com/f8441. The public hearing will be online only. English, Spanish, and American Sign Language (ASL) translation will be available at the Public Hearing. Residents who require language interpretation in Vietnamese, Chinese-Mandarin/Cantonese, Amharic, or French must notify Tilla Hall at (202) 442-7239 or email opm.questions@dc.gov by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, October 16, 2023. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) relay service is available by calling (800) 201-7165. If you would like to provide comments during the public hearing, you are encouraged to send your testimony to fairhousing@mwcog.org to accurately incorporate your comments into the application to HUD. The draft application is available online at www.mwcog.org and www.mwcog.org/fairhousing. Comments must be received by 5:00 P.M. on October 2324, 2023. You may also submit comments about the application by mail to MWCOG, attn: Housing Programs, 777 N. Capitol St., NE, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20002, or by TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) to 202-962-3213.

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851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

V.

Estate of
Delores E. Carter AKA
Dolores Elaine Carter, AKA
Dolores E Carter
Defendant(s)

Civil No. C-16-CV-23-000934

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)
ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, this **20 day of September, 2023**, that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at **11442 Deepwood Drive, Unit 176B, Bowie, MD 20720** made and reported by James E. Clarke, Christine M. Drexel and Joanna Foronda, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **20 day of October, 2023**; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **20 day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at **$216,750.00**.

BY THE COURT:
Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court #793

Orlans 22-000186

Sep 25,Oct 2,9 2023 0012436648

IN THE CIRCUIT COURTFOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNIY, MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

PAMELA JONES
KENNETH D. JONES
1203 Castlehaven Court
Capitol Heights, MD 20743
Defendant(s).

Case No.C-16-CV-22-000296

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given this **20 day of September, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **1203 Castlehaven Court, Capitol Heights, MD 20743**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **20 day of October, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **20 day of October, 2023**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$212,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County,
Maryland

BWW#MD-354834

Sep 25,Oct 2,9 2023 0012436662

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

ALICE J. EVANS
10620 Fitzgibbon Court
Bowie, MD 20721
Defendant(s).

Case No. C-16-CV-23-000521

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given this **21 day of September, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **10620 Fitzgibbon Court, Bowie, MD 20721**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will, be RATIFIED AND, CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **23 day of October, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **23 day of October, 2023**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$344,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County,
Maryland #793

BWW#MD-356284

Sep 25,Oct 2,9 2023 0012436676

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

V.

Sherlita T. Chapman and
Willie L. Chapman
Defendant(s)

Civil No. CAEF21-01630

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)
ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, this **21 day of September, 2023**, that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at **5810 Marietta Station Drive, Glenn Dale, MD 20769** made and reported by James E. Clarke and Christine M. Drexel, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **23 day of October, 2023**; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **23 day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at **$750,000.00**.

BY THE COURT:
Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court #769

Orlans 20-700301

Sep 25,Oct 2,9 2023 0012436722

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

V.

Linda J. McKinney and
Louis Robert Johnson AKA
R. Louise Robert Johnson
Defendant(s)

Civil No. CAEF19-35142

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)
ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, this **22 day of September, 2023**, that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at **2215 Iverson Street, Temple Hills, MD 20748** made and reported by James E. Clarke, Christine M. Drexel, Brian Thomas and Jason Murphy, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **23 day of October, 2023**; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **23 day of October, 2023.** The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at **$300,253,79.**

BY THE COURT:
Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court #769

Orlans 19-700543

Sep 25,Oct 2,9 2023 0012436731

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane S. Rosenberg
Mark D. Meyer
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
Substitute Trustee
Plaintilf(s)

V.

Yohance M Duff
7010 Killarney Street
Clinton, MD 20735
Defendant(s)

Case No. C-16-CV-23-001747

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given this **25 day of September, 2023** by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of **7010 Killarney Street, Clinton, MD 20735**, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **25 day of October, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **25 day of October, 2023.** The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$317,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County,
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840 Trustees Sale - DC

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
REAL PROPERTY CONDOMINIUM UNIT
1745 KALORAMA ROAD, NW UNIT 101
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20009

By virtue of a certain Purchase Money Construction Deed of Trust from District Trust Advisors LLC dated April 28, 2022 and duly recorded May 6, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022050162 (the "Deed of Trust") among the Land Records of the District of Columbia (the "Land Records"), a default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of the party secured thereby (the "Noteholder"), and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 and following mailing of the Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit recorded among the Land Records on September 11, 2023 as Instrument No. 2023078121 and the recordation of the Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure recorded among the Land Records on August 28, 2023 as Instrument No. 2023074271 the undersigned Trustee will sell, at public auction, within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016 on

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023 AT 12:38 PM

The real estate located at 1745 Kalorama Road, NW Unit 101 Washington, DC and legally described as follows:
UNIT 101 IN THE CONDOMINIUM KNOWN AS "1745 KALORAMA ROAD, N.W. CONDOMINIUM", ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM DATED 12/21/1989 AND RECORDED MARCH 30, 1990 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 9000018751, AS AMENDED, AND THE BY-LAWS OF CONDOMINIUM DATED DEC 21, 1989 AND RECORDED 3/30/1990 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 9000018752, AS AMENDED, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SURVEYOR FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA IN CONDOMINIUM BOOK 39 AT PAGE 18.
TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE SHARE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS OF SAID "1745 KALORAMA ROAD, N.W. CONDOMINIUM" AS SET FORTH IN SAID DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM AND THE EXHIBITS THERETO.
SAID CONDOMINIUM PROJECT IS SITUATE ON LOT 129 IN SOUARE 2560 IN THE SUBDIVISION MADE BY 1745 KALORAMA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, A DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 183 AT FOLIO 18 IN THE OFFICE OF THE SURVEYOR FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. SAID PROPERTY BEING NOW KNOWN FOR ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION PURPOSES AS LOT 2022 IN SQUARE 2560.
The improvements thereon being known as 1745 Kalorama Road Northwest, Unit #101, Washington, District of Columbia 20009.
TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the above-described land, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances, and any furniture, furnishings, equipment, machinery and other personal property owned and located in, upon or about the above-described land and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust (the "Property"). The "Property" does not include any property owned by any tenants at the Property.
TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. The Property will be offered as an entirety only. The bid that yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Trustee (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee absolutely reserves the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the Trustee receives the deposit in the required amount and form. A deposit in the amount of $25,000.00 will be required at the time of sale as a condition to bidding. Such deposit must be by cashier's check or certified check or in such other form as the Trustee may determine in his sole discretion, which check shall be payable to "Mark H. Wittstadt, Trustee." The deposit must be increased to 10% of the purchase price within 2 business days after consummation of the sale and delivered to the Substitute Trustee in the same form of funds as the initial deposit. The Noteholder secured by the Deed of Trust (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Trustee from submitting any bidding deposit. The Trustee will, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders except the Noteholder to show their deposit before any bidding begins. The retained deposit of the successful purchaser shall be applied, without interest, to the successful purchaser's credit at settlement; provided, however, that in the event the successful purchaser does not consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided, such deposit, will be forfeited, and after payment of all expenses and commissions due in connection with the defaulted sale, the balance shall be applied to the indebtedness due under the terms of the note and Deed of Trust. The terms of sale must be complied with, and settlement consummated thereon within 25 days from the day of sale unless extended at the sole discretion of the Trustee. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. The balance of the purchase price over and above the retained deposit, with interest thereon at the default rate of 18% per annum being charged from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement by bank wire transfer; and if not so paid, the Trustee as stated above will forfeit the deposit and reserves the right to resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after such advertisement and on such terms as the Trustee may deem proper, and to avail himself and the Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser.
The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust or have been granted non-disturbance or similar rights, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way, and limitations of record. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition without any warranty as to condition, express or implied, and without any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information furnished to prospective bidders by the Trustee or any other party, if any, and without any other representations or warranty of any nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to (i) title to the Property, (ii) the nature, condition, structural integrity, or fitness for a particular use of any improvements, fixtures or personal property included within the Property, (iii) the environmental condition of the Property or the compliance of the Property with federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the presence or disposal of hazardous substances, (iv) compliance of the Property with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar law, (v) compliance of the Property with any zoning laws or ordinances and any and all applicable safety codes, or (vi) compliance with any tenants' rights or similar laws, and acceptance of the Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any claims against the Trustee or the Noteholder concerning any of the foregoing matters. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination, or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Trustee or the Noteholder.
Conveyance shall be by Trustee's Deed, without covenant or warranty, express or implied. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the time of sale shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser. The Property shall be sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, sewer, water, drainage, and other public improvements, if any, whether assessments have been levied or not. The Noteholder and Trustee assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, utilities, and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser from the date of sale. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. The District of Columbia Government may impose transfer and recordation taxes on any assignment of the successful bid prior to recordation of the Trustee's Deed. The successful purchaser shall be solely liable for payment of such additional transfer and recordation taxes, if any. If the Trustee cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of deposit. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Unit A at 2116 4th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Lot 2036 in Square 3562

Unit B at 2116 4th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Lot 2037 in Square 3562

Unit C at 2116 4th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Lot 2038 in Square 3562

Unit P-1 at 2116 4th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Lot 2039 in Square 3562

Unit P-2 at 2116 4th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Lot 2040 in Square 3562

Unit P-3 at 2116 4th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Lot 2041 in Square 3562

Unit P-4 at 2116 4th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Lot 2042 in Square 3562

315 W Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Lot 60 in Square 3562

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated September 30, 2021 and recorded on October 28, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021143456 from 2116 4th Street LLC and Eckington Court LLC, as grantors, to Daniel Huertas, as trustee, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note in the principal amount of $225,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and following the mailing and recordation of a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee removing Daniel Huertas as trustee and appointing Russell S. Drazin ("Substitute Trustee") as successor trustee, an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure, and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, at the request of the current noteholder, Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, on
OCTOBER 17, 2023 AT 2:00 PM
ALL THOSE LOTS OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON (if any) situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as Unit A at 2116 4th Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 (Lot 2036 in Square 3562), Unit B at 2116 4th Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 (Lot 2037 in Square 3562), Unit C at 2116 4th Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 (Lot 2038 in Square 3562), Unit P-1 at 2116 4th Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 (Lot 2039 in Square 3562), Unit P-2 at 2116 4th Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 (Lot 2040 in Square 3562), Unit P-3 at 2116 4th Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 (Lot 2041 in Square 3562), Unit P-4 at 2116 4th Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 (Lot 2042 in Square 3562), and 315 W Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 (Lot 60 in Square 3562), and more fully described in the Deed of Trust (together with any and all personal property secured thereby).

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same – except those encumbrances of record that are extinguished by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust. Without limitation, the property will be sold subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated September 30, 2021 and recorded on October 28, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021143455 from 2116 4th Street LLC and Eckington Court LLC, as grantors, to Daniel Huertas, as trustee, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note in the principal amount of $1,621,395.00.

Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $200,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the applicable interest rate set forth in the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs.

The noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

In the event that purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, the deposit shall be forfeited to Substitute Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including legal fees and costs, and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Substitute Trustee may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. Defaulting purchaser shall be liable to Substitute Trustee for legal fees and costs incurred by Substitute Trustee in connection with such default.

If Substitute Trustee is unable to settle as set forth herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Substitute Trustee reserves the right, in Substitute Trustee's sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

Russell S. Drazin, Substitute Trustee

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840 Trustees Sale - DC

1800 R STREET NW UNIT 206, WASHINGTON, DC 20009

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case: 2018 CA 003066 R(RP), the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 1800 R STREET NW UNIT 206, WASHINGTON, DC 20009 at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **OCTOBER 31, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M**, the land and premises situated in the **District of Columbia**, and designated as and being Lot 2066 in Square 2105 & 0134, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on MARCH 10, 2006 as Instrument Number: 2006031025. The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of $15,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 60 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.
If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid sixty (60) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest. Trustees' File No 18-900008

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TRUSTEES' FORECLOSURE SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

1901 CAPITOL AVENUE, NE WASHINGTON, DC 20002

The undersigned Trustees will sell at public auction at Alex Coopers Auctioneers, Inc. 4910 Massachusetts Avenue N.W. Suite 100, Washington, DC 20016, on

October 12, 2023 AT 1:12 P.M.

THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Washington, DC and more fully described in a Deed of Trust from Evolution Elite, LLC, dated October 14, 2021, recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia at Instrument Number 2021137117 on October 15, 2021, with an original principal balance of $842,500.00, and an original interest rate of 8.99% per annum with a default rate of 13.99% per annum, default having occurred under the terms thereof.
ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT NUMBERED NINETEEN (19) IN GRACE THOMPSON AND THERESA THOMPSON'S SUBDIVISION OF LOTS IN BLOCK NUMBERED TWO (2) "IVY CITY" AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SURVEYOR FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA IN LIBER 34 AT FOLIO 137.
A.P.N.: 4045//0019
The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in fee simple subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above.
TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of the lesser of $84,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the winning bid amount will be required at time of sale, in cash, certified check, or other form as Trustees may determine. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the amount owed on the Note plus all costs and expenses of sale on credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within 30 days of the sale. At the Trustees' discretion, the foreclosure purchaser, if a corporation or LLC, must produce evidence, prior to bidding, of the legal formation of such entity.
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid thirty (30) days of the sale, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have to resell the property. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 13.99% per annum from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated, or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest. Additional terms may be announced at sale. CGD File #: 460499
Richard E. Solomon, Richard J. Rogers, Michael McKeefery, Christianna Kersey, Kevin Hildebeidel, Kyle Blackstone, and Kathleen Young, Substitute Trustees

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
REAL PROPERTY
1618 FORT DAVIS PLACE, SE
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By virtue of a certain Purchase Money Construction Deed of Trust from 1618 GSD, LLC dated December 17, 2021 and duly recorded December 22, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021166309 (the "Deed of Trust") and subsequently assigned by Assignment of Mortgage recorded October 19, 2022 as Instrument Number 2022105599 among the Land Records of the District of Columbia (the "Land Records"), a default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of the party secured thereby (the "Noteholder"), and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 and following mailing of the Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit recorded among the Land Records on September 11, 2023 as Instrument No. 2023078120 and the recordation of the Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure recorded among the Land Records on August 28, 2023 as Instrument No. 2023074133 the undersigned Trustee will sell, at public auction, within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016 on

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023 AT 12:40 PM

The real estate located at 1618 Fort Davis Place, SE Washington, DC and legally described as follows:
Lot 19 in Square E-5519 in a Subdivision made by Anna Maloney, as per plat recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Liber 113 at folio 40
Parcel ID: 5519-E -0019
The improvements thereon being known as 1618 Fort Davis Place, SE Washington, District of Columbia 20020.
TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the above-described land, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances, and any furniture, furnishings, equipment, machinery and other personal property owned and located in, upon or about the above-described land and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust (the "Property"). The "Property" does not include any property owned by any tenants at the Property.
TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. The Property will be offered as an entirety only. The bid that yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Trustee (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee absolutely reserves the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the Trustee receives the deposit in the required amount and form. A deposit in the amount of $25,000.00 will be required at the time of sale as a condition to bidding. Such deposit must be by cashier's check or certified check or in such other form as the Trustee may determine in his sole discretion, which check shall be payable to "Mark H. Wittstadt, Trustee." The deposit must be increased to 10% of the purchase price within 2 business days after consummation of the sale and delivered to the Substitute Trustee in the same form of funds as the initial deposit. The Noteholder secured by the Deed of Trust (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Trustee from submitting any bidding deposit. The Trustee will, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders except the Noteholder to show their deposit before any bidding begins. The retained deposit of the successful purchaser shall be applied, without interest, to the successful purchaser's credit at settlement; provided, however, that in the event the successful purchaser does not consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided, such deposit, will be forfeited, and after payment of all expenses and commissions due in connection with the defaulted sale, the balance shall be applied to the indebtedness due under the terms of the note and Deed of Trust. The terms of sale must be complied with, and settlement consummated thereon within 25 days from the day of sale unless extended at the sole discretion of the Trustee. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. The balance of the purchase price over and above the retained deposit, with interest thereon at the default rate of 18% per annum being charged from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement by bank wire transfer; and if not so paid, the Trustee as stated above will forfeit the deposit and reserves the right to resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after such advertisement and on such terms as the Trustee may deem proper, and to avail himself and the Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser.
The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust or have been granted non-disturbance or similar rights, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way, and limitations of record. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition without any warranty as to condition, express or implied, and without any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information furnished to prospective bidders by the Trustee or any other party, if any, and without any other representations or warranty of any nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to (i) title to the Property, (ii) the nature, condition, structural integrity, or fitness for a particular use of any improvements, fixtures or personal property included within the Property, (iii) the environmental condition of the Property or the compliance of the Property with federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the presence or disposal of hazardous substances, (iv) compliance of the Property with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar law, (v) compliance of the Property with any zoning laws or ordinances and any and all applicable safety codes, or (vi) compliance with any tenants' rights or similar laws, and acceptance of the Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any claims against the Trustee or the Noteholder concerning any of the foregoing matters. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination, or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Trustee or the Noteholder.
Conveyance shall be by Trustee's Deed, without covenant or warranty, express or implied. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the time of sale shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser. The Property shall be sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, sewer, water, drainage, and other public improvements, if any, whether assessments have been levied or not. The Noteholder and Trustee assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, utilities, and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser from the date of sale. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. The District of Columbia Government may impose transfer and recordation taxes on any assignment of the successful bid prior to recordation of the Trustee's Deed. The successful purchaser shall be solely liable for payment of such additional transfer and recordation taxes, if any. If the Trustee cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of deposit. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale.

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Bethesda, Maryland 20814

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 5921 2ND PLACE, N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20011.

By virtue of a certain Commercial Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement dated March 11, 2022 (the "Deed of Trust") duly recorded March 16, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022029179 among the Land Records of the District of Columbia (the "Land Records") and subsequently re-recorded on September 14, 2023 as Instrument No. 2023079191(as re-recorded, the "Deed of Trust") and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 notice recorded among the Land Record as Instrument No. 2023079421, a default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of the party secured thereby (the "Noteholder"), the undersigned Substitute Trustees, will sell, at public auction, within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016 on

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023 AT 11:00 AM

the following described land and premises.
All that piece or parcel of land, together with improvements, rights, privileges, and appurtenances to the same belonging, situated in the District of Columbia, and is described as follows:
Lot 109 in R.L. Davis' Subdivision of lots in Square 3337 as per plat recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Liber 99 at folio 40.
Parcel ID: 3337-0109
Also known as 5921 2ND Place, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20011.
TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the above-described land, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances, and any furniture, furnishings, equipment, machinery and other personal property owned and located in, upon or about the above-described land and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust (the "Property").
TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. The Property will be offered as an entirety only. The bid which yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Substitute Trustees (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Substitute Trustees absolutely reserve the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the deposit in the required amount and form is received by the Substitute Trustees. A deposit in the amount of $50,000.00 will be required at the time of sale. Such deposit must be by cashier's check or certified check or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine in their sole discretion. The deposit must be increased to 10% of the winning bid amount and delivered to the Substitute Trustees within one (1) business day after the consummation of the sale in the same form of funds as the initial deposit. Failure to timely tender the deposit or increased deposit shall constitute a material default by the purchaser. The Noteholder secured by the Deed of Trust (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Substitute Trustees from submitting any bidding deposit. The Substitute Trustees will, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders except the Noteholder to show their deposit before any bidding begins. The retained deposit of the successful purchaser shall be applied, without interest, to the successful purchaser's credit at settlement, provided, however, that in the event the successful purchaser fails to consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided or otherwise defaults under the terms herein, such deposit, at the option of the Substitute Trustees, shall immediately be forfeited. The terms of sale must be complied with and settlement consummated thereon within fifteen (15) days from the day of sale unless extended at the sole discretion of the Substitute Trustees. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. The balance of the purchase price over and above the retained deposit, with interest thereon at the note rate then being charged from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement in certified funds; and if not so paid by the time specified herein, the Substitute Trustees reserve the right to retain the deposit and resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after such advertisement and on such terms as the Substitute Trustees may deem proper, and to avail themselves and the Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser.
The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way, and limitations of record. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition without any warranty or representation as to condition, express or implied, and without any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information furnished to prospective bidders by the Substitute Trustees or any other party and without any other representations or warranty of any nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to (i) title to the Property, (ii) the nature, condition, compliance, quality, structural integrity, or fitness for a particular use of any improvements, fixtures or personal property included within the Property, (iii) the environmental condition of the Property or the compliance of the Property with federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the presence or disposal of hazardous substances, (iv) compliance of the Property with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar law, or (v) compliance of the Property with any zoning and construction laws or ordinances and any and all applicable safety and building codes and regulations, and acceptance of the Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any claims against the Substitute Trustees or the Noteholder concerning any of the foregoing matters. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Substitute Trustees or the Noteholder.
Conveyance shall be by Substitute Trustees' Deed, without any covenant or warranty whatsoever, express or implied. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the date of sale will be upon the successful purchaser. Sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, fines, infractions, violations, liens, sewer, water, drainage and other public improvements whether any assessments have been levied or not and whether any of the foregoing have been recorded or not. The Noteholder and Substitute Trustees assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, water and sewer charges, any other utilities and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser from the date of sale. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, financing charges and fees, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the sole cost of the successful purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of deposit. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale. For further information, please contact Jung Kim, Esquire at 202-900-8595.

Jung Kim, Esquire
Frances Wilburn, Esquire
Substitute Trustees

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840 Trustees Sale - DC

PARKER, SIMON & KOKOLIS, LLC
110 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 500
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850
301-656-5775

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF 4 UNIT RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM BUILDING AND PARKING SPACE KNOWN AS 1461 CHAPIN STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20009.

By virtue of a certain Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement dated September 28, 2021 (the "Deed of Trust") duly recorded October 18, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021137468 among the Land Records of the District of Columbia (the "Land Records") and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 notice recorded among the Land Record as Instrument No. 2023068571, a default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of the party secured thereby (the "Noteholder"), the undersigned Substitute Trustees, will sell, at public auction, within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016 on

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023 AT 12:25 PM

The property to be sold consists of the Original Secured Property located in the District of Columbia which is currently subdivided and is as follows:
Lot Numbered One Hundred Eighty-One (181) in Harry Wardman and other subdivision of Lot Numbered Thirty-Six (36) in the subdivision of the "The South Grounds of Columbia University" and of Lot Numbered One (1) in Block 18 "Meridian Hill", per plat of said first mentioned subdivision recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Liber County 19 at Folio 76, (the "Real Property") which has the address of 1461 Chapin Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20009. Square 2662 Lot 0181. (The "Original Secured Property")
The property consists of 4 individual condominium units and one parking space. The units were a former portion of Square 2662 Lot 0181, which is currently subdivided into Square 2662 Lots 2291-2295 being further described as follows:
Residential Units One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4) and Parking Space One (P-1) in the Condominium known as "MERIDIAN OVERLOOK CONDOMINIUM" according to the Declaration of Condominium dated May 9, 2018, and recorded March 26, 2019 as Instrument No. 2019030747, and the By-Laws of Condominium dated May 9, 2018, and recorded March 26, 2019, as Instrument No. 2019030748, and said final Plat and Plans of Condominium Subdivision recorded December 15, 2022, in Condo Book 104 at Page 50, as amended by that First Amended and Restated Declaration and that First Amended and Restated Bylaws as Instrument Numbers 2022125679 and 2022125680 on December 23, 2022, among the Land Records of the District of Columbia, and any recorded amendments thereto as of the date hereof, together with an undivided percentage share interest in the Common Elements of said "MERIDIAN OVERLOOK CONDOMINIUM" as set forth in said Declaration of Condominium and the Exhibits thereto, the Condominium Declaration allocates to the Condominium Residential Units an undivided interest (stated as a percentage) in the common elements of the Condominium (hereinafter called the "Percentage Interest")
The Percentage Interests of the Condominium Units are set forth in the Condominium Declaration, said Condominium project is situate on Lot 181 (now known after subdivision as Lots 2291-2295 in Square 2662 in the subdivision made by Harry Wardman and others, as per plat recorded in Liber County 19 at folio 76 in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia but for which no certificate of occupancy permits has yet to be issued. (Collectively, the "Subdivided Property")
Parcel ID: 2662-2291 1461 Chapin Street, NW # 1
Parcel ID: 2662-2292 1461 Chapin Street, NW # 2
Parcel ID: 2662-2293 1461 Chapin Street, NW # 3
Parcel ID: 2662-2294 1461 Chapin Street, NW # 4
Parcel ID: 2662-2295 1461 Chapin Street, NW # P-1
1461 Chapin Street, NW Units 1, 2, 3, 4 & P-1
(Collectively, the "Subdivided Property")
TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the above-described land, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances, and any furniture, furnishings, equipment, machinery and other personal property owned and located in, upon or about the above-described land and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust (the "Property").
TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. The property will be offered individually and as an entirety. The sale will be made in the manner producing the greater amount of money. The Substitute Trustees reserve the right to change the manner of offering at the time of sale.
The bid which yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Substitute Trustees (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Substitute Trustees absolutely reserve the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the deposit in the required amount and form is received by the Substitute Trustees. A deposit in the amount of $25,000 per unit for Units 1, 2, 3, 4 if sold individually and a deposit of $5,0000 on Parking Space (P-1) if sold individually. If the combined bids on those units and parking space sold individually does not satisfy the debt, then those bids shall be held in abeyance, and the units and parking space shall be offered together. If sold as an entirety, a deposit in the amount of $105,000. The highest bid offered between the combined bids of the units and parking space sold individually or the units and parking space sold as an entirety shall be the winning bid. All deposits must be in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in any other form suitable to the Substitute Trustees in their sole discretion, shall be required at the time of sale, except no deposit shall be required of the secured party, its successors or assigns. The deposit must be increased to 10% of the winning bid amount and delivered to the Substitute Trustees within one business day after the consummation of the sale in the same form of funds as the initial deposit. Failure to timely tender the deposit shall constitute a material default by the purchaser. The Noteholder secured by the Deed of Trust (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Substitute Trustees from submitting any bidding deposit. The Substitute Trustees will, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders except the Noteholder to show their deposit before any bidding begins. The retained deposit of the successful purchaser shall be applied, without interest, to the successful purchaser's credit at settlement, provided, however, that in the event the successful purchaser fails to consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided, such deposit, at the option of the Substitute Trustees, shall immediately be forfeited. The terms of sale must be complied with and settlement consummated thereon within 30 days from day of sale unless extended at the sole discretion of the Substitute Trustees. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. The balance of the purchase price over and above the retained deposit, with interest thereon at the note default rate of 23% per annum from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement in certified funds; and if not so paid by the time specified herein, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. The Substitute Trustees shall be entitled to avail themselves and the Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser. In the event of a resale, the defaulting Purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. In the event that settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest.
The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way, and limitations of record. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition without any warranty or representation as to condition, express or implied, and without any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information furnished to prospective bidders by the Substitute Trustees or any other party and without any other representations or warranty of any nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to (i) title to the Property, (ii) the nature, condition, compliance, quality, structural integrity, or fitness for a particular use of any improvements, fixtures or personal property included within the Property, (iii) the environmental condition of the Property or the compliance of the Property with federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the presence or disposal of hazardous substances, (iv) compliance of the Property with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar law, or (v) compliance of the Property with any zoning and construction laws or ordinances and any and all applicable safety and building codes and regulations, and acceptance of the Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any claims against the Substitute Trustees or the Noteholder concerning any of the foregoing matters. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Substitute Trustees or the Noteholder.
Conveyance shall be by Substitute Trustees' Deed, without any covenant or warranty, express or implied. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey either insurable or marketable title, then Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the Purchaser. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the date of sale will be upon the successful purchaser. Sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, violations, liens, sewer, water, drainage and other public improvements whether assessments have been levied or not and whether such have been recorded or not. The Noteholder and Substitute Trustees assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, water and sewer charges, utilities and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser from the date of sale. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, financing charges and fees, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of deposit. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale. For further information, please contact Paul Cooper 443-470-1437.
Craig A. Parker and Thomas J. Kokolis,
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851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

KEITH YACKO, et al,
Substitute Trustee,
Plaintiff,

V.

TERESA LESLIE, et al,
Defendants.

Case No. C-16-CV-23-002173

NOTICE
Notice is hereby issued this **27 day of September, 2023**, that the sale of the property in this case, **13003 BRICE CT UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20774**, reported by Jennifer Deardorff, Attorney for the Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **27 day of October, 2023**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in Washington Post, a newspaper published in PRINCE GEORGE'S County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **27 day of October, 2023**. The report states the amount of sale to be **$316,310.01**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk #769

Oct 2,9,16 2023 0012437391

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane S. Rosenberg, et al
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
Substitute Trustee
Plaintiff(s)

V.

Richard E Edwards
7257 Crafford Place
Ft Washington, MD 20744
Defendant(s)

Case No. C-16-CV-23-000626

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given this 20 day of September, 2023 by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryand, that the sale of **7257 Crafford Place, Ft Washington, MD 20744**, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unles cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **20 day of October, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in The Washington Post a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **20 day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$202,791.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County,
Maryland #793

Sep 25,Oct 2,9 2023 0012436647

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

V.

Raheem Johnson
Defendant(s)

Civil No. C-16-CV-23-002825

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)
ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, this **20 day of September**, 2023, that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at **8317 Cowan Ave, Bowie, MD 20720** made and reported by James E. Clarke and Christine M. Drexel, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **20 day of October 2023**; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **20 day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at **$346,318.59**.

BY THE COURT:
Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court #769

Orlans 21-001480

Sep 25,Oct 2,9 2023 0012436636

852 Anne Arundel County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

William M. Savage, et al.
Substitute Trustees

Versus

Ian Peter Urlock
Defendant

No. C-02-CV-22-001646

NOTICE
Notice is hereby issued this **Wednesday, October 04, 2023** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by William M. Savage, BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **3rd day of November 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **3rd day of November 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **1014 SAINT CHARLES DRIVE, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21409** to be **$381,000.00**.

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
Anne Arundel County, MD.

Oct 9,16,23 2023 0012438148

856 Frederick County

CIRCUIT COURT FOR FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND
100 West Patrick Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701
Clerk of the Court: 301-600-1976
Assignment Office:
301-600-2015

Case Number:
C-10-CV-23-000276Other Reference Numbers:

JAMES CLARKE

VS.

BLAKE WOOD, ET AL.
Date: 9/25/2023
NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Frederick County this **25th day of September, 2023** that the sale made and recorded by Christine M. Drexel for the sale of the property described in these proceedings
8323 Sharon Dr,
Frederick, MD 21704
be ratified and confirmed **thirty (30) days** from the date of this Notice, unless cause to the contrary be shown, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some Newspaper published in this County, once in each of three (3) successive weeks. The report states the amount of the sale to be **$381,000.00**.

Sandra K. Dalton
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Oct 2,9,16 2023 0012437225

872 Fairfax County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
5833 Oak Leather Drive,
Burke, VA 22015

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $544,850.00 dated December 15, 2006 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for **Fairfax County** on December 19, 2006 in Deed Book: 18996 at Deed Page: 989, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, 4110 Chain Bridge Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030 on **November 6, 2023 at 12:45 PM** the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: LOT THREE HUNDRED FIVE (305), SECTION TWO-F (2-F), BURKE CENTRE, AS THE SAME IS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 4963, AT PAGE 648, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF THE COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA Tax ID: 0771 09 0305.

TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of $14,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
(Trustee # 23-008043)
Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orlans PC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: www.Orlans.com The Vendor XOME.COM will be used in conjunction with this sale.

Oct 2,9 2023 0012433675

872 Fairfax County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
13942 New Braddock Rd,
Centreville, VA 20121

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $316,425.00 dated February 23, 2017 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for **Fairfax County** on March 28, 2017 as Instrument Number: 2017019314.001, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, 4110 Chain Bridge Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030 on **November 6, 2023 at 12:45** PM the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: ALL OF THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BELOW AS FOLLOWS: LOT NUMBERED THIRTY-SIX (36) SECTION (6) SINGLETON'S GROVE, AS THE SAME APPEARS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 7061 AT PAGE 607 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA AND CORRECTED IN DEED BOOK 7173 AT PAGE 1833. Tax ID: 0652 05 0036.

TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of $12,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
(Trustee # 23-009256)
Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orlans PC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: www.Orlans.com The Vendor auction.com will be used in conjunction with this sale.Potential Bidders: For sale information, please visit www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832.

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873 Prince William County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
3480 Wainscott Place, Woodbridge, VA 22192

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $472,500.00 dated May 8, 2017 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for **Prince William County** on May 9, 2017 as Instrument Number: 201705090034936, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Prince William County, 9311 Lee Ave, Manassas, VA 20110 on **November 6, 2023 at 11:30 AM** the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: Lot 215, Section 19-G, LAKE RIDGE, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 1291 at Page 848, among the land records of Prince William County, Virginia. Tax ID: 8293-13-7511.

TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of $13,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
(Trustee # 23-004842)
Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orlans PC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: www.Orlans.com

Oct 2,9 2023 0012434215

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
18702 Red Maple Court,
Triangle, VA 22172

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $295,000.00 dated August 22, 2012 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for **Prince William County** on August 24, 2012 as Instrument Number: 201208240081189, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Prince William County, 9311 Lee Ave, Manassas, VA 20110 on **November 6, 2023 at 11:30 AM** the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: All that certain lot or parcel of land together with all improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in Prince William County, Commonwealth of Virginia, and more particularly described as: All that certain Lot Thirty-Eight (38) of the subdivision known as GRAHAM PARK SHORES, SECTION TWO (2), as shown on plat thereof attached to and recorded with the Deed of Dedication in Deed Book 446 at Page 160 of the land records of Prince William County, Virginia. Tax ID: 008140.

TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of $11,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
(Trustee # 23-000438)
Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orlans PC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: www.Orlans.com

Oct 2,9 2023 0012433616

876 Loudoun County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
1503 E Beech Rd,
Sterling, VA 20164

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $90,000.00 dated August 27, 1998 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for **Loudoun County** on September 24, 1998 as Instrument Number: 40670, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Loudoun County, 18 E Market St, Leesburg, VA 20176 on **November 6, 2023 at 2:15 PM** the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN LOUDOUN COUNTY, STATE OF VIRGINIA, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 695, PAGE 750, ID# 81-F4D-340, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 340, BLOCK D, SECTION 4, BROYHILL'S ADDITION TO STERLING PARK, FILED IN PLAT BOOK 551, PAGE 733.
BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM WILLIAM JOHN VACCA AND MARY C. VACCA, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS SET FORTH IN BOOK 695 PAGE 750 DATED 05/02/1978 AND RECORDED 05/02/1978, LOUDOUN COUNTY RECORDS, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA. Tax ID: 022301610000.

TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of $9,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
(Trustee # 22-013993)
Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orlans PC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: www.Orlans.com

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF UNIMPROVED REAL PROPERTY- VACANT LOTS
13304 and 13306 CHESTNUT DRIVE,
BOWIE MARYLAND 20720

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from BUILDSOL, LLC, dated FEBRUARY 27, 2017 and recorded in Liber 39435, Folio 545, among the Land Records **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, with an original principal balance of $396,000.00 and an original interest rate of13.95% default having occurred under the terms thereof, Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction,
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN STREET, UPPER MARLBORO, MD ON
OCTOBER 18, 2023 AT 12:00 PM.
ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in lot of ground in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as 13304 AND 13306 CHESTNUT DRIVE, BOWIE MD 20720 and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements, liens and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to any condominium and/or HOA assessments.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $15,000.00 (CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED) acceptable payment will be in the FORM OF CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 13.95% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court, time being of the essence, otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement. Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan. If any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. (File # 20-0024)

Allan P. Feigelson, Esquire
Substitute Trustee

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
749 201ST STREET
PASADENA, MD 21122

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated February 23, 2006, and recorded in Liber 17525, folio 001, of the land records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $339,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,
OCTOBER 18, 2023 at 10:00 AM
ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 03-388-21585430

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $26,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 6.750% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (19-363275)

KEITH YACKO, DAVID WILLIAMSON,
BRYSON STEPHEN, THOMAS GARTNER,
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1602 VILLAGE MARKET BLVD. SE, SUITE 310
LEESBURG, VA 20175
703-777-7101

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
8481 Main Av
Pasadena, MD 21122

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from GREGORY COOMBS AND FRANK O. COOMBS, dated March 31, 2007 and recorded in Liber 19043, folio 19 MODIFIED ON MARCH 5, 2022 IN LIBER 38855 FOLIO 177; among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY,** MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-02-CV-23-000829; Tax ID No.03-693-31566200) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401, on
OCTOBER 11, 2023 at 10:00 AM
ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO AN IRS RIGHT OF REDEMPTION. The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $50,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-014058)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
1201 Defense Highway
Gambrills, MD 21054

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from JUDITH C. ALLGOOD AND MARVIN DEE ALLGOOD, dated September 28, 2006 and recorded in Liber 18386, folio 049 MODIFIED ON AUGUST 1, 2010 IN LIBER 23292 FOLIO 177 among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-02-CV-23-000003; Tax ID No.02-000-11023800) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401, on
OCTOBER 11, 2023 at 10:00 AM
ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO AN IRS RIGHT OF REDEMPTION. The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $50,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-006670)

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879 **Culpeper County**

Trustee's Sale
14182 Hill Haven Lane, Reva, Virginia 22735
(Tax Map No.: 27/ / 43/ D6 /)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated September 14, 2016, in the original principal amount of $168,825.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the **County of Culpeper**, Virginia in Instrument No. 160005392, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on **October 30, 2023, at 10:00 am**, in front of the building housing the Culpeper County Circuit Court, Main Entrance, 135 West Cameron Street, Culpeper, VA 22701, the property designated as Lot D-2, containing 1.253 acres, together with a 20 feet wide ingress and egress easement to and from Route 644 as shown on the plat of survey dated August 1, 1990 entitled Division of Lot D of the Land of Mary M. Holmes, Sales Magisterial District, Culpeper County, Virginia and recorded in deed book 448 at page 70. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises.

TERMS: CASH. A deposit of $16,500.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than $9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 calendar days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review on the Foreclosure Sales page of www.glasserlaw.com [glasserlaw.com], outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector, Glasser and Glasser, P.L.C. on behalf of Atlantic Trustee Services, L.L.C., and/or REO Solutions, LLC, and/or Auction.com-VA, LLC, Substitute Trustees, Crown Center Building, Suite 600, 580 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510, File No. 231363-03, Tel: (757) 321-6465, between 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon only.

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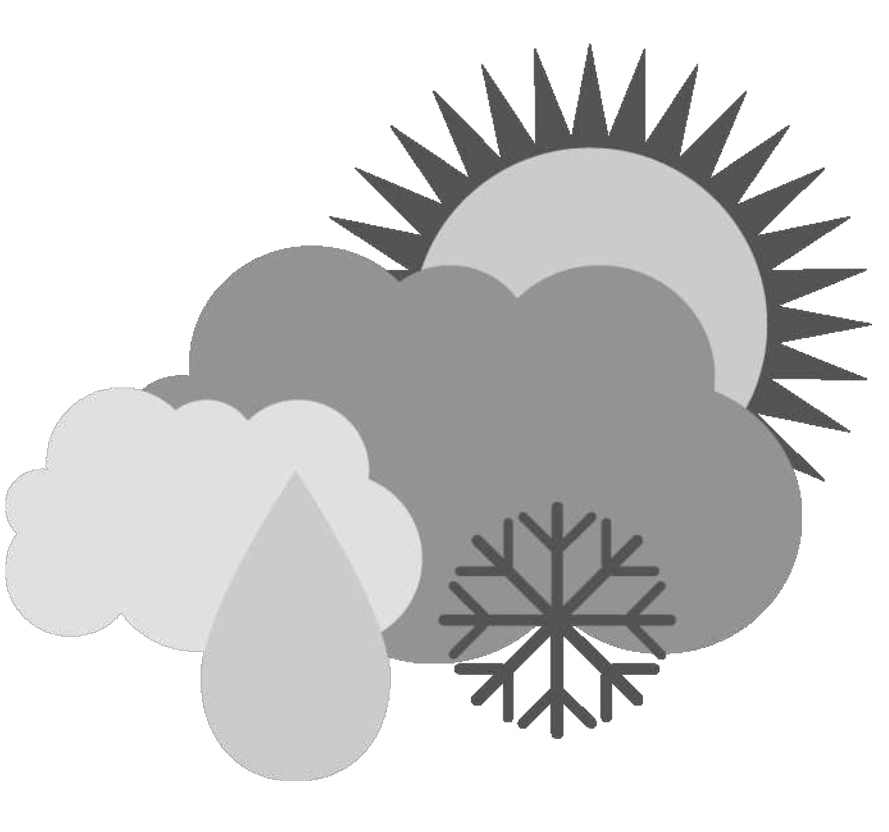

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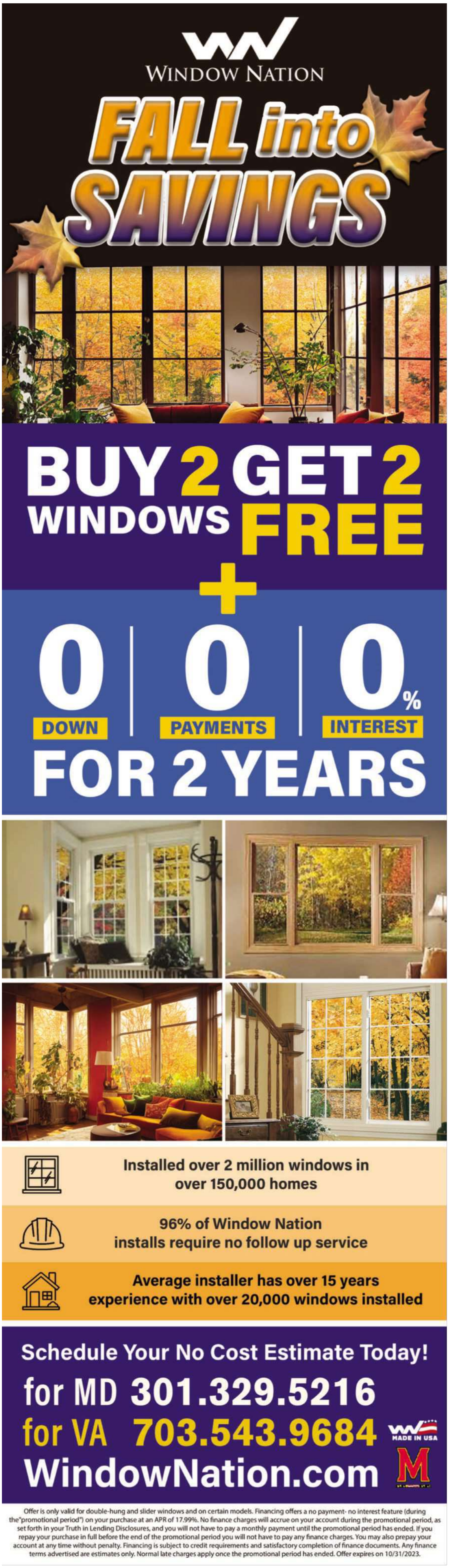

SOCCER ROUNDUP

Confident Arsenal stares down City

ARSENAL 1, MANCHESTER CITY 0

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Manchester City's Phil Foden, right, could only watch after William Saliba, top, and Gabriel helped Arsenal to a shutout win.

It wasn't the greatest game — or the prettiest goal — that Emirates Stadium has seen, but the roar of celebration was among the loudest it has heard.

Perhaps the pendulum finally swung Arsenal's way in the fight for English Premier League supremacy.

Gabriel Martinelli's late goal handed Arsenal a 1-0 win over defending champion Manchester City on Sunday in London, ending a 12-game losing streak in the league against Pep Guardiola's team in the process.

Despite 30 games still to play and only two points separating the teams, it was a result that will fuel the belief at Arsenal that Mikel Arteta's team can finally end a 20-year title drought after coming up just short last season.

"It gives [us] more confidence," Martinelli said. "We know our potential and how tough it is to play against them. Today we beat them, and it gives us more confidence to kick on."

Second-place Arsenal has the same number of points as leader Tottenham.

City held off Arsenal for the title by five points last season, in part by beating the Gunners 3-1 away and 4-1 at home. In fact, Arsenal had not taken a point against City in the league since 2017, its longest losing streak against a single opponent in club history.

Liverpool, meanwhile, was undone by defensive mistakes in a 2-2 draw at Brighton.

A mix-up between Virgil van Dijk and Alexis Mac Allister gifted Brighton an early lead, and Lewis Dunk scored a 78th-minute equalizer for the hosts after Mohamed Salah scored twice late in the first half.

Elsewhere, Newcastle's run of impressive wins came to a halt with a 2-2 draw at West Ham despite Alexander Isak scoring twice for the visitor.

Aston Villa missed the chance to climb into the Premier League's top four as it was held to a 1-1 draw at Wolverhampton.

• **SPAIN:** Barcelona teenager Lamine Yamal added his name to the record books again, becoming the youngest goal scorer ever in La Liga in his team's 2-2 draw at Granada.

At 16 years 87 days, Yamal surpassed Malaga player Fabrice Olinga, who was 16 years 98 days old when he scored against Celta Vigo in 2012.

Yamal scored his milestone goal by pushing a loose ball into the open net in first-half stoppage time.

Elsewhere, Antoine Griezmann scored with a late penalty kick as Atletico Madrid beat Real Sociedad, 2-1, for its fifth straight win in all competitions.

• **FRANCE:** Defending champion Paris Saint-Germain got back to winning ways with a 3-1 victory at Rennes to move up to third place in Ligue 1.

Midfielder Vitinha, right back Achraf Hakimi and forward Randal Kolo Muani scored to hand Rennes its first defeat of the season.

The victory moved PSG even with Brest and into third on goal differential, two points behind leader Monaco after eight rounds. Rennes dropped to eighth place.

Coach Luis Enrique's PSG was routed, 4-1, by Newcastle in the Champions League in midweek and drew its previous game, 0-0, against lowly Clermont.

Earlier, Gennaro Gattuso secured his first win as Marseille coach in a 3-0 home win against 10-man Le Havre.

The game between Montpellier and Clermont was abandoned after a firework thrown from the stands landed next to Clermont goalkeeper Mory Diaw, who was then stretchered off.

Montpellier was leading 4-2 when the firework was thrown in the first minute of six minutes of injury time.

• **ITALY:** Romelu Lukaku is making an immediate impact at Roma. Paulo Dybala, meanwhile, remains injury-prone.

Lukaku scored twice in Roma's 4-1 win at last-place Cagliari in Serie A to raise his tally to seven goals in eight matches across all competitions with the Giallorossi.

Dybala exited the match in the first half with a left knee issue.

Defending champion Napoli was beaten at home for the second time in the league this season, falling, 3-1, to Fiorentina.

• **GERMANY**: Kingsley Coman scored twice as Bayern Munich eased to a 3-0 win over Freiburg, but Bayer Leverkusen returned to the top of the Bundesliga.

Goals from Coman and Leroy Sané gave the 11-time defending champion its fifth win in seven league games. Freiburg has never beaten Bayern in Munich in 24 attempts in the Bundesliga.

Leverkusen, meanwhile, produced another spectacle of attacking soccer in a 3-0 win over local rival Cologne that kept Xabi Alonso's team atop after this round.

• **NWSL**: Savannah McCaskill scored the game-winner in stoppage time, and visiting Angel City stayed alive for the playoffs with a 2-1 victory over the Houston Dash.

Angel City (7-7-7) faced elimination with a loss but instead moved into eighth in the standings. Houston (6-7-8) dropped to 10th.

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As Rooney exits, D.C. must look ahead

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Wayne Rooney was never meant to be a long-term solution for D.C. United, which will conduct its third coaching search in three years.

playoff-free campaigns.

United has not won a playoff game since 2015, reached the conference final since 2012 or advanced to the MLS Cup since 2004. Its four championships came during the MLS 1.0 era.

Club officials acknowledge they need to introduce long-term solutions, not stopgap fixes. For the third time in three years, they will conduct a coaching search. It will undoubtedly stretch across the continent and oceans.

Front-office changes are also in the works. United thought it could get by without a general manager this year. Instead of replacing the ousted Lucy Rushton last offseason, it took the cheap and easy route by letting sporting director Dave Kasper (the previous GM) and technical director Stewart Mairs fill the void.

In the coming weeks, United will appoint a general manager, who will report to chief executive Levien — not to Kasper, who, after 20 years of roster oversight, is expected to move into a senior advisory role, people familiar with the situation said.

"We've been hard at work talking with potential general managers, and when we have someone in place, part of that discussion is around: What's our coaching strategy, and what's our player recruitment strategy?" Levien said in an interview late Saturday. "How are we going to build a culture that is going to take us to where we want to go? We're getting smarter just by having those discussions, by talking to different people who've been successful doing this."

With a brilliant soccer mind, Rooney made United smarter. He mentored young players and brought structure to a team that had lost its way. He is an inexperienced coach, though, and some of his decisions were called into question. He was a work in progress, just as the club as a whole seemed to be.

Positive results remained elusive. The only winning streak (three games) came in April. The team was 6-5-6 at home and entered Saturday's finale with one victory in 11 matches.

Shedding its thrifty reputation, United had one of the highest payrolls in MLS. Whether that money was spent wisely is up for debate. The club did not make a lot of noise in the summer transfer and trade window.

Nonetheless, "the owners backed me," Rooney said. "I got pretty much what I wanted. Of course, you always want more, but no complaints."

He did have to contend with several roster issues. Starting winger Martín Rodríguez tore an ACL as the season was about to start. Midway through the campaign, starting midfielder Lewis O'Brien returned to England when his loan from Nottingham Forest expired. Icelandic defender Victor Palsson sought a midseason move back to Europe.

And in the biggest setback, the club terminated star forward Taxi Fountas's contract late in the summer after a second league investigation into the alleged use of racial slurs. Because the probe did not conclude until after the transfer window closed, United was unable to replace Fountas with another high-end designated player.

As the season slipped away, there were also karmic messages that maybe the club was going about things the wrong way.

Former star playmaker Luciano Acosta was leading FC Cincinnati to the Supporters' Shield (awarded to the team with the most regular season points) and making the top case for MVP honors.

Ben Olsen, a celebrated United figure for more than 20 years as a player and coach, guided Houston to the U.S. Open Cup title and has the Dynamo roaring into the playoffs.

And finally Saturday, Hernán Losada — Olsen's successor and Rooney's predecessor who was abruptly fired early in his second season — coached Montreal to a victory over Portland that ended D.C.'s playoff hopes.

United now enters yet another long offseason, four months to not only prepare for 2024 but to set a course for sustained satisfaction instead of fleeting buzz.